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MONSOON TO REVIVE FROM THURSDAY, SAYS MET DEPT

After a good spell of rain in the first two-and-half weeks of June, the southwest monsoon has not advanced further

BLAME THE ABSENCE OF WEATHER SYSTEM

Forecast models show signs of increasing rain activity in south, west coast and east-central India from July 8, M Rajeevan, secretary in the Ministry of Earth Sciences tweeted. Conditions are not favourable for the monsoon's progress till July 7, due to the absence of a weather system. Lack of rains and heat waves have sparked concerns in many parts of the country

NORMAL RAINFALL ACROSS INDIA IN JULY

- Forecast models predict a weather system will form over the Bay of Bengal by July 12 and kickoff a stronger phase of monsoon
- Delhi, Haryana, parts of UP, Punjab and Rajasthan are yet to see the advent of monsoon. The IMD, in its July forecast, said the country as a whole will witness normal rainfall this month

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OF THE FIRST 21 DAYS OF JUNE SAW ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL

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People who say Muslims should leave India can't be Hindus: RSS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Lucknow

MAKING a strong pitch for communal harmony and nationalism, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday said in a democracy like India, there cannot be dominance of either Hindus or Muslims, but only of Indians. "If a Hindu says that no Muslim should live here, then that person is not a Hindu," he added.

Advisory to Muslims

Reiterating his call for nationalism and communal harmony, Bhagwat urged the Muslims to not get trapped in the cycle of fear that Islam is in danger in India

Addressing an event organised by the Muslim Rashtriya Manch (an RSS-inspired platform for Muslims) in Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad district, the RSS Sarsanghchalak said, "Development is not possible without unity in the country. The basis of unity should be nationalism and the glory of ancestors."

"It has been proven that we have descended from the same ancestors for the last 40,000 years. People cannot be differentiated based on how they worship, as all people in India have the same DNA. Hindus and Muslims are not two groups; there is nothing to unite as they are already together," Bhagwat asserted.

Coming down heavily on incidents of lynching, particularly over alleged cow slaughter and smuggling, the RSS chief said, "Cow is a holy animal, but lynching is against Hindutva. Law of the land should take its own course against them without any partiality." He, however, said there were instances of false lynching cases foisted on people.

Reiterating RSS' commitment to nationalism, Bhagwat said the only solution to Hindu-Muslim conflict is dialogue, not discord.

Bhagwat began his speech by stating that the event was neither an image makeover exercise nor a platform for vote bank politics. "The Sangh is neither into politics nor does it bother about image. It works tirelessly for strengthening the nation," he said. Later, Bhagwat released a book by Dr K I Ahmad, ex-advisor to former prime minister P V Narasimha Rao.

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Mohan Bhagwat, RSS chief

THE FOURMIDABLES

Following England's 4-0 win over Ukraine in Rome Saturday, the semifinalists have been spotted. Here is a look at them...

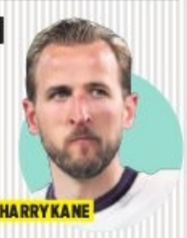
DENMARK

ALL EYES ON Midfielder Mikkel Damsgaard has been the heart of Denmark, setting up goals and even scoring them.

Denmark failed to qualify for Euro 1992 but were drafted in ten days before it started after Yugoslavia were excluded and went on to lift the trophy. And here they are, against all odds, in what is only their third semifinal appearance ever. After losing their star player Christian Eriksen – who has miraculously recovered from a cardiac arrest – they have been on a roll.

ENGLAND

ALL EYES ON Their captain Harry Kane. If he continues to score, England can go all the way.



The stars are aligning for the Three Lions to lift only their second major title after winning the World Cup on home soil in 1966. Gareth Southgate's team are yet to concede a goal and will play the semifinals at Wembley. They seem to be peaking at the right time, and with the home crowd to back them, they are now favourites. But here is a catch: England's last defeat came at Wembley last October against Denmark.

ITALY

ALL EYES ON Ciro Immobile, who has been threatening the opponents' backline consistently.

The team of the tournament so far, impressing everyone with their attacking displays. The Azzurri are on an unbeaten streak of 31 matches, winning 13 on the trot. Roberto Mancinis' side has not only been defensively strong like past Italian teams, but play an attacking brand of football. Key to it has been Leonardo Spinazzola, who will miss the semifinal because of injury. However, they can still go the distance.

SPAIN

ALL EYES ON Young midfielder Pedri is making a mark for himself with his slick passing style.

Didn't look convincing at the start, yet they have managed to reach the semifinals. Luis Enrique's side can be frustrating to watch because of their mantra to pass, pass and keep passing. But if their forwards can find those little spaces and convert those passes into goals, they can be entertaining. It is hard to guess which Spain side will turn up and there lies their problem. If their strike force doesn't turn up, they can forget about that title. **P11**

EXPRESS READ

Stan Swamy's health: NHRC notice to M'rashtra

New Delhi: The NHRC on Sunday issued a notice to the Maharashtra government in the wake of a complaint alleging serious health condition of imprisoned 84-year-old Father Stan Swamy. The body has demanded proper medical care for Father Swamy. **P8**

Farmer stuck in pipe freed after 2 hours

Bengaluru: A farmer, who entered a pipeline to connect a water pipe to his land, was stuck inside for about two hours before he was rescued by the Fire personnel. The incident took place at Singribovidoddi village in Ramanagara taluk. **P2**

Life gets little more normal from today as K'taka lifts curbs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

ADDITIONAL relaxations to Covid lockdown norms will come into effect from Monday in Karnataka and will continue to remain in place till July 19. Night curfew will begin every day at 9 pm and end at 5 am.

Shopping malls, especially in Bengaluru, have been sending out messages to customers to visit them when they open on Monday. Cinema halls, microbreweries and pubs will remain shut, while hotels and restaurants will be allowed to open.

Metro and BMTC services will run, but can only carry the seating capacity. BMTC will operate around 4,500 buses between 5 am and 9 pm every day. Digital ticketing (QR code-based) will be made available on all buses.

Workers clean up and sanitise the premises of Banashankari Temple in Bengaluru on Sunday, a day before it reopens for devotees | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

While there is no restriction on interstate or interdistrict movement, those travelling from Maharashtra and Kerala have to carry a negative RT-PCR report or a vaccination certificate of at least one dose. All schools and colleges will remain shut.

"A total of 54 special teams comprising BBMP Marshals and Bengaluru police personnel will be deployed across the city to impose fines and register cases on individuals and commercial establishments violating Covid norms," said Bengaluru Police Commissioner Kamal Pant.

Stalin replies to BSY; We are legally right: Bommai

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

REPLYING just a day later to Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa's letter on the Mekedatu project, his Tamil Nadu counterpart MK Stalin on Sunday stated that Karnataka should not pursue the reservoir-cum-drinking water project.

Karnataka Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, however, said, "We are legally in the right and we will continue with our legal fight. Tamil Nadu will have to cooperate because this is a drinking water project. During the lean period when Cauvery flow is less, Mekedatu project will allow us to release the stipulated water to Tamil Nadu. This will in fact help the neighbouring state too."

Officials from the CM's Office and the water resources department are meeting Yediyurappa on Monday to discuss the issue.

KPCC president DK Shivakumar said, "The state government needs political will to go ahead with Mekedatu. We have BJP governments both here and at Centre. The state government has to go in for the tender process and start the project."

FULL STORY: P5

Dhami sworn in after rebels get their share

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

AFTER intense firefighting by party leaders to contain rebellion, Pushkar Singh Dhami (45) took oath of office and secrecy as Uttarakhand's 11th chief minister at Raj Bhavan here on Sunday evening.

Apart from Dhami, 11 ministers from the outgoing Tirath Singh Rawat ministry were sworn in, including all those who were frowning at his appointment. The tense drama continued till the last minute, as very few were aware of the grumpy leaders joining the ministry. **CONTINUED ON: P8**

US co launches gadgets with Indian GPS service

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE US manufacturer of navigation devices, Garmin, has launched handheld devices that use the global positioning services offered by ISRO satellites, for terrestrial, marine and flight navigation.

The services are available through an ISRO-launched constellation of satellites, the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), operationally named NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation). Garmin has developed two handheld devices, GPSMAP 66sr and GPSMAP 65s, in the country.

The constellation of eight NavIC satellites — in space since 2018 — provides accurate real-time positioning and timing services across the country to motorists with an accuracy of less than 20-metre diameter.

While the current global positioning system services offered on smartphones are from the US constellation of GPS satellites, NavIC is said to be more accurate. **P5**

NATIONWIDE	JULY 3	JULY 4
Fresh cases	44,111	43,071
Recoveries	57,477	52,299
Deaths	738	955

KARNATAKA	JULY 3	JULY 4
Fresh cases	2,082	1,564
Recoveries	7,751	4,775
Deaths	86	59

DPR dips to 2.34%

The Ministry of Health on Sunday said the recovery rate of the country has climbed to 97.09%. The weekly positivity rate is at 2.44% while the daily positivity rate stands at 2.34%, it said

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NO BYPOLL? MAMATA HAS A WORKAROUND, SAYS PARTY

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

AMID allegations that the entire Uttarakhand drama was directed at denying West Bengal Chief Minister **Mamata Banerjee** an opportunity of getting elected in a bypoll citing the ongoing pandemic, the Trinamool on Sunday appeared unfazed.

"If the bypoll is not conducted, she will resign two days before the stipulated time of six months ends and take oath as chief minister again after two days," said party MP and spokesperson Saugata Roy. Mamata narrowly lost in Nandigram, which is why she has to get elected to the Assembly within six months of assuming office. That deadline ends on November 5.

Another option is the revival of the state Legislative Council, which was decided during her first cabinet meet after being sworn in as CM for the third time. She could take that route like Uddhav Thackeray did in Maharashtra without fighting a by-election. But there is a catch.

"The proposal to revive the Vidhan Parishad has to be approved by Parliament. Since BJP has majority in Parliament, we will wait for approval. Bengal had a Legislative Council since Independence, so there should not be any issue in its revival," said Roy. The Upper House was abolished in Bengal after the United Front government came to power in 1969.

In Uttarakhand, when Tirath Singh Rawat resigned as chief minister saying by-elections could not be held within six months of his taking oath of office due to the Covid pandemic, the Congress alleged that the real aim was to stop Mamata from getting elected as an MLA and compel her to step down.

HELP TO FARMERS

Kolar tomatoes to make long journey by train to Bengal, Delhi

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

IT could just be the manna tomato growers in Karnataka were hoping for. The Railways is now chugging in to help these distressed farmers, who were seen throwing their produce on the road just a few days ago.

Buoyed by the success of its ongoing Kisan Rail services from Kolar-Chikkaballapur region to New Delhi, the Bengaluru Railway Division is for the first time gearing up to dispatch tomatoes by express trains to West Bengal and New Delhi. It has already done the trial runs, which have been successful.

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager AN Krishna Reddy told *The New Indian Express*, "After a trial run with 4 tonnes of tomatoes to the Howrah Railway Station, the feedback has been good. The consignment was not damaged and tomatoes were fresh too. Our representatives have spoken to tomato farmers and traders on starting the service. There is a glut in the market here and we can help farmers get a better price in Delhi and West Bengal."

Carton-loads of tomatoes being stacked at the APMC Yard in Kolar | EXPRESS

Secretary of APMC yard at Kolar, TS Ravikumar, said, "Tomato growers are struggling as their produce is not going out of the State because of Covid regulations. Before the Railways starts the service, traders should be brought on board as there are multiple points of handling the produce."

CR Srinath, proprietor of CMR Traders at the yard, said, "Farmers are getting only ₹5 to ₹12 per kg of tomato now. The number of farmers growing tomatoes increased this year as prices were high last year. This has led to a glut in the market and prices have crashed."

KISAN RAIL A GAMECHANGER: P2

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Kisan Rail gamechanger for Kolar mango farmers

Better profits, less travel time, retention of fruit's freshness some of the benefits; arrival time needs to be changed

S LALITHA @BENGALURU

WHILE farmers in Kolar, growing the Totapuri mango variety, are in distress due to the crash in prices, the situation is quite the opposite for those growing the Badami variety. They are in great demand and are being sent to the Delhi market via 'Kisan Rail', with 250 tonnes loaded up on each trip. This is proving to be a major gamechanger for Karnataka farmers.

Apart from better profits, less travel time and retention of the fruit's freshness on reaching the destination, are some of the advantages of these rail services, six of which have departed so far, carrying 1,500 tonnes of green mangoes from Chintamani railway station. However, one issue that needs to be fixed is the time when the train reaches Adarsh Nagar station in Delhi. Many feel the benefit would be maximum only when it reaches early in the morning. The APMC yard in Delhi is shut before unloading is done at the station, and the produce is transported there via trucks.

Each trip of Kisan rail carries 250 tonnes of Badami mangoes | EXPRESS

Among those who have benefited hugely is Mohammed Jalaluddin, a farmer and fruit loader. "I have sent 170 tonnes so far to New Delhi, and earned a total profit of over ₹1.7 lakh due to the reduced transportation charge." Mukesh Mathur of JC Agro said, "The transportation cost by truck worked out between ₹5 and ₹6 per kg. It has come down to ₹3.50 to ₹4 by train," he said.

Zahid Ansari, who owns both Rajdhani Mango Traders and Maskoor Traders in Srinivasapura, is sending 80 tonnes procured from farmers to New Delhi on Saturday, by one such train.

Divisional Railway Manager A K Verma told TNIE, "The 50 per cent subsidy in freight offered by the Centre is a big incentive for those sending mangoes. We are ready to load the mangoes even at midnight on our trains, but it is up to the traders to bring it all together to ensure that trains leave early." Senior Divisional Commercial Manager A N Krishna Reddy said that this has clearly improved profits for the farmers. "The Benganapalli variety was sold at ₹10,000 per tonne in Srinivasapura and Kolar. Due to huge demand after Kisan Rail services started, it has now shot up to ₹20,000 per tonne."

Bengaluru division has so far sent 10 Kisan Rail services to Adarsh Nagar in New Delhi. "Eight trains reached their destination, and two will reach on Monday," said Reddy.

Fire & Emergency Service officials had to break the pipeline to rescue Rajanna

Farmer stuck inside pipeline rescued

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A farmer, who entered a pipeline to connect a water pipe to his land, was stuck inside for about two hours before he was rescued by the Fire and Emergency Service staff.

The incident took place in Singribovidoddi village in Ramanagara taluk, on Sunday morning. Govindaraju aka Rajanna's land is located on both sides of the bypass road constructed as part of the ongoing works of expressway between Bengaluru and Mysuru.

A Fire & Emergency Service department official said that water linking pipelines were laid on Rajanna's land. To get a water connection to his land from the pipeline, Rajanna had entered it around 11 am and had crossed about 200 feet. As a heap of mud had blocked the pipeline, he tried to pass through it but got stuck inside. His son Venugopal, who sensed danger, contacted the department's control room about 30 minutes after his father could not come out of the pipeline.

"We spoke to Rajanna from the other end of the pipeline. He was having difficulty in breathing and we arranged oxygen to be supplied to him. It was not possible for our men to enter the pipeline and bring him out, hence, it was decided to break open the pipeline. We used an earthmover to break the pipeline. We removed the head of mud manually and rescued him within one-and-a-half hours after we received the distress call," the official said.

Rajanna said, "There was no phone with me but I was speaking to my son in a loud voice, giving him updates."

UNITED VOICE

Campaign launched for cancellation of odd-sem exams

ENS @ Mysuru

AFTER staging protests seeking cancellation of the odd-semester examinations, post-graduate and undergraduate students from across Karnataka on Sunday launched an online signature campaign to garner support on the matter and urge the chief minister and the higher education minister to heed to their demand.

The All-India Democratic Students' Organisation, which had conducted an online survey that found that most students were against the examinations, launched the three-day campaign that has already received more than 7,500 signatures.

AIDSO members say students are not ready to attend either classes or appear for examinations until they are vaccinated. "How can one ask students to write the previous semester examination in midst of the ongoing semester. This is an unscientific and irrational decision," said AIDSO Mysuru district president Subhash B J.

'Raise awareness on edu scheme for labourer kids'

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

CAMPAIGN Against Child Labour (CACL), Karnataka — a collective of voluntary organisations working for literacy and rights of marginalised children — while welcoming the Kalika Bhagya scheme, has appealed to the state government to make it more flexible for maximum outreach. The scheme provides educational opportunities through a scholarship to children of construction workers. The last date for applying is July 15.

"Kalika Bhagya (KB) would give an opportunity to children of construction workers to study and not join their parents in hard labour but how many construction workers know about it? How will they avail it? The objective of the scheme is to ensure that all children get educated. Education is the right of every child as per Article 21 A and the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009," said the state convenor of CACL-K Vasudev Sharma.

He said most construction workers are Below Poverty Line and are unorganised. "Many of them are not even enrolled with the welfare scheme of the labour department. They may not even know about the scheme. The government should advertise it widely on TV and make a small film and post it on social media for maximum awareness. We urge the government to extend the deadline for registration from July 15 to August 11 as it is too short a window for this sector to register their children," he urged.

CACL-K has urged the government to facilitate the registration of construction workers and their children in every gram panchayat and at the ward level so that it can reach everyone. The NGOs collective has further urged for coordination among departments of labour, education and Rural Development & Panchayat Raj (RDPR) for increased registration of children in the KB scheme.

> **The government should advertise Kallika Bhagya widely on TV and make a small film and post it on social media for awareness**
> Campaign Against Child Labour-Karnataka

EXPRESS READ

Metro trains to run till 8 pm from today

Bengaluru: With the state government relaxing restrictions, operations of Metro trains have been extended by two more hours from the present timings, starting July 5. Operations during weekends will also be resumed. According to an official release from the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited, "As per government of Karnataka order dated July 3, 2021, Namma Metro services will be available from 7 am to 8 pm on all days, with effect from July 5," the release said. There will be increased and decreased frequency on Saturday, Sunday and general holidays depending on the patronage, it added. ENS

Few trains to resume from today

Bengaluru: The following pairs of trains will resume operations from Monday: Chennai Central- Mysuru Express Special (No 06081) and Mysuru-Chennai Central Spl (06082), both from July 5, Kochuveli - Banaswadi Spl (06319) from July 8 and Banaswadi Kochuveli Spl (06320) from July 9, Ernakulam- Banaswadi spl (06129) from July 5 and Banaswadi- Ernakulam Spl (06130) from July 6, said an official release. ENS

BMTC to operate 4,500 buses from today

Bengaluru: Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation will operate 4,500 buses in Bengaluru and suburban areas, with an increase in services based on passenger volume from July 5. QR code-based digital ticketing system will be done in all buses. Services will be operated between 5 am and 9 pm. "Vaccination has been made mandatory for all staff. Number of passengers allowed will be the same number as the seats," said a press release from BMTC. If seats are full, passengers must wait for the next bus. ENS

Vistadome coaches on Hubballi-Vasco route soon

ARUNKUMAR HURALIMATH
@Hubballi

THE South Western Railway has decided to attach Vistadome (glass-top) AC coaches to the Hubballi-Vasco train.

It is a journey of five to six hours, during which the train passes through the thick forests of Western Ghats covering Castle Rock station and numerous cascades, including the famous Dudhsagar waterfalls. The route also passes through a number of tunnels, crosses rivers and covers the beautiful Western Ghats region.

"To develop tourism in this region and to connect Goa with the northern part of Karnataka, experts had suggested many improvements. It was a long-pending demand to introduce an entire Vistadome train on this route, which will be a great tourist attraction, especially during the monsoon," said a travel expert from Hubballi.

A view of a Vistadome coach | EXPRESS

"Hubballi is a big junction that connects Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Maharashtra and other regions. Many long route trains reach Hubballi early in the morning and passengers go to Goa from there. Therefore, SWR should introduce such trains and earn a good revenue too." the expert added.

The official added, "Before introduction, concerned departments will check the economic viability of running the train with Vistadome coaches here and they will take final decision on the demand".

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

05th July: My personal top sign today is Pisces, the representative of everything that's sensitive, emotional and deeply insightful. In other words, it encourages everyone who loves to peer into life's hidden recesses, probing into everything that is normally concealed from our gaze. Sounds intriguing, doesn't it?

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Looking a few days ahead we can see that Mercury, planet of communication, is about to make its lively way into a region of your chart closely related to your finances. The moment is coming when you should lay plans for abundant future prosperity.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
There seems to be some sort of muddle, possibly caused by the Moon's relationship to other significant, if confused, planets. You may either postpone important engagements or, alternatively, approach them with considerably more determination than usual.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
In spite of your open and chatty reputation, you are about to enter a more secretive phase, one when peace, quiet and seclusion will be of increasing importance to your general well-being. Only when you have shared your plans with friends will you see whether they are ever likely to come to fruition.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
In many ways you are dealing with the legacy of the past. Yet, although it's inevitable that you should feel nostalgia for what has been, you would be advised to get on with planning the future. I know you're concerned about losing your roots, but you needn't be.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
There seems to be a great deal going on which is difficult, if not downright impossible, to explain. You may have to accept the fact that it might be another few days before a number of questions can be answered. Patience is a virtue you would do well to acquire!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You should now be back on form and determined to alter the pattern of your life. Lunar aspects may be signalling stress but that could be a good thing - inspiring you to exceed your previous best. There is someone who is waiting for you to get in touch with them and, when you do, your life could change.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Current challenging planetary aspects may also offer you the opportunity to form new relationships and emphasise the neglected social dimension. You're such a perfectionist that it doesn't take much to disturb your equilibrium but the Sun's passage through a challenging region of your chart demonstrates the simple truth that the answer to your questions may lie in someone else's hands.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Now you really are heading for a pleasant romantic period. Relations with children and younger family members are set to improve and cultural pursuits are likely to take up more of your time. But when it comes to social arrangements, I suspect you'll be bogged down in the details.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Keep your options open this week and do everything you can to bring underlying tensions to the fore. As a matter of interest, it does seem essential that you make it a priority to deal with financial issues. Otherwise you could end up paying more than you should.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The odds may be stacked against you today. Yet do not despair - all is not lost. It may be time for one of those clever tactical retreats that results in your position being stronger than ever. Your strength lies in your ability to construct firm foundations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Even if you're an ambitious professional Aquarian, family and domestic affairs will assume a high priority. At work you'll find other people looking to you for security, irritating as it may be to feel you are being depended upon. Remember, it's not necessarily that you need to be free. It may be enough merely to feel free.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
There is not long to go before emotional secrets are brought to a head. It will be a great relief all round when what was once unspeakable can be discussed in an atmosphere of happiness and harmony. And I have a feeling that you are just the person to do it.

THE PHANTOM

THAT SAID, COMMANDER, THE PRISON DOES HOUSE DANGEROUS CRIMINALS THAT ANY SOCIETY WOULD RIGHTLY LOCK AWAY.
THIS ONE, FOR EXAMPLE... A WOMAN, NO LESS...
THIRTEEN ASSASSINATIONS. COLD-BLOODED POLITICAL MURDERS....
EVERY TARGET A RHODIAN MILITARY OFFICER....
I WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE TO TAKE HER ALIVE!
!! THEY'VE GOT HER!

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

IF I RESCUE YOU, WILL YOU GIVE ME THE WEEK OFF?
I PROMISE! NOW THROW ME THE ROPE!
NOT UNTIL YOU STOP CROSSING YOUR FINGERS BEHIND YOUR BACK

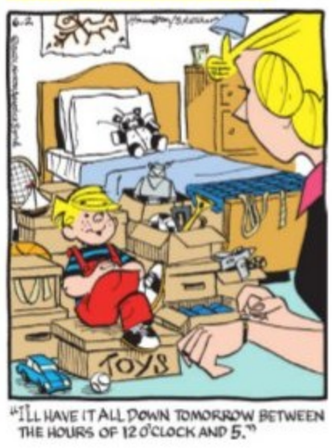
BLONDIE

YOU'RE BOOKING A BANQUET FOR YOUR ANGER MANAGEMENT CLUB?
YEP! THEY SADDLED US WITH THIS MESS!
WHICH REALLY TICKS ME OFF!
I PROMISE THIS WILL BE PAINLESS
THAT'S THE PROBLEM!
YEAH, WE HEARD YOU'RE A PRO!
SO, THERE WILL BE NOTHING TO GET MAD ABOUT?
UNLESS SHE DOUBLES HER RATE!
THAT WORKS FOR ME!

LOCKHORNS

"NOW THAT I'M RETIRING, LOCKHORN, YOU AND I CAN BE ON A FIRST-NAME BASIS. BY THE WAY, WHAT IS YOUR FIRST NAME?"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I'LL HAVE IT ALL DOWN TOMORROW BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12 O'CLOCK AND 5."

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Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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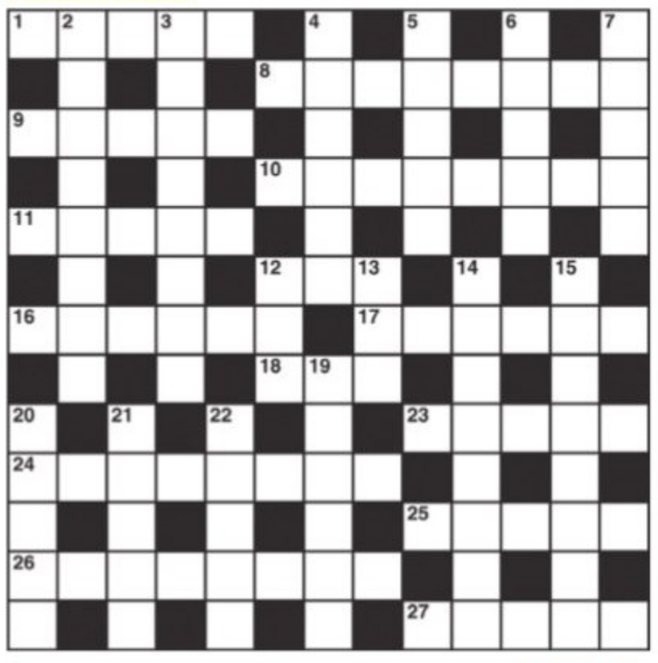

ACROSS

1 Trouble in court (5)
8 The strikers' case? (8)
9 Colour that's a success in two different ways (5)
10 Tricked into side issues (8)
11 They employ devious ruses (5)
12 Limb turned to solid jelly (3)
16 Paid companion shows his age when in trouble (6)
17 Nuns take what superiors give (6)
18 Father heads west on foot (3)
23 Shuffle the cards dishonestly and make a pile (5)
24 Rang again and cancelled (8)
25 Start being different (5)
26 Deceives in crooked misdeals (8)
27 Wooden pale (5)

DOWN

2 Hare she'd minced and cooked up again (8)
3 Star skater is upset (8)
4 Last of the latecomers gets rotten seat (6)
5 Bed on board for Caledonians (5)
6 He overrules his brothers (5)
7 Be way out about a point (5)
12 Singapore space centre (3)
13 Not a high-pitched cry (3)
14 Possibly resisted one who arranges publication (8)
15 Custom legislation included in the cost of goods (8)
19 Things to be done in company (6)
20 An act that violates an act (5)
21 Health resorts get a number fit (5)
22 Taken about in the morning, being disabled (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Fortissimo, 6 Iced, 10 Mafia, 11 Last trump, 12 Friction, 13 Lance, 15 Landing, 17 Cuttass, 19 Glances, 21 Risotto, 22 Abuse, 24 Obliging, 27 Impassive, 28 Elite, 29 Tart, 30 Agreements.

Down: 1 Fame, 2 Referenda, 3 Isaac, 4 Silting, 5 Masonic, 7 Churn, 8 Depression, 9 Athletes, 14 Plagiarist, 16 Increase, 18 Attention, 20 Storing, 21 Relieve, 23 Upper, 25 Gleam, 26 Peas.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NPDEU

CUONE

IRHODA

GTAIMS

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Answer here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S: **Jumbles:**
SEEDY FILLY SOCIAL EXODUS
ANSWER: When the marine flatfish was the only fish around, it was the — SOLE SOLE

Deputy CM Dr CN Ashwath Narayan has written to various organisations and associations in his constituency of Malleswaram to provide him with a list of those eligible citizens who are yet to receive their first dose of Covid-19 vaccine. In a letter, he has appealed to submit the names at the MLA's office or contact the office between 9 am and 5 pm.

Threatens Cong worker with legal action for alleging irregularities at Pandavapura facility

Sugar unit: Nirani's son ducks charges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A day after Congress worker from Mysuru Dr HN Ravindra filed a complaint against Vijay Nirani, son of Mines and Geology Minister Murugesh Nirani, alleging irregularities in the Pandavapura Sugar Factory, the minister's son has rejected all allegations and threatened legal action against the complainant.

Vijay Nirani, Managing Director of Nirani Sugars, was accused of flouting tender norms and failing to pay Rs 20 crore in dues to the government over the Pandavapura factory, besides refusing to pay farmers in time for their sugarcane. Ravindra filed a complaint with the Anti-Corruption Bureau on Saturday. Vijay Nirani termed the allegations politically motivated.

"We restarted the loss-making factory in a short span of time, amid the Covid-19 pandemic. Dr Ravindra must apologise for making baseless and false allegations or face legal action," Vijay Nirani was quoted in a statement released by the minister's communication group.

Dr Ravindra, in his complaint, had alleged that the government sugar factory was given to Nirani Sugars for a throwaway price on lease, despite which the company had failed to pay Rs 20 crore in dues.

"The company has the sugar factory on lease for 40 years, and hasn't paid even the pittance it was supposed to. They fired 21 staff members without consent from the government or cane directorate," Ravindra had claimed on Saturday.

'Allegations from ignorance'

Vijay Nirani said the allegations stemmed from ignorance, and insisted that the process of getting the tender as well as running of the factory is within rules framed by the government.

"As per the clause, the first instalment (Rs 20 crore) should be made after the government clears the debts of the sugar factory, and we have been continuously requesting the government to clear these debts. We are also facing a problem due to government delay, and are unable to borrow money as a result of management debts and transfer process being delayed," Vijay Nirani said.

We restarted the loss-making factory in a short span of time, amid the Covid-19 pandemic. Dr Ravindra must apologise for making baseless and false allegations or face legal action — Vijay Nirani

Tourism Minister C P Yogeeshwara (right) calls on MP V Srinivas Prasad at his residence in Mysuru on Sunday | UDAYSHANKAR S

'Time for new Ambari elephant', Yogeeshwara hints at change

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

TOURISM Minister CP Yogeeshwara is keeping up his defiant posture, demanding the replacement of C B S Yediyurappa. His statements, peppered with metaphors and allusions to the political scenario, hint at a brewing discontent in some quarters.

Yogeeshwara on Sunday met Chamarajanagara MP V Srinivasa Prasad and held a closed-door meeting.

Speaking to reporters later, Yogeeshwara compared the CM's post to the Dasara Ambari and said that no elephant can permanently carry the Ambari. "Change is inevitable and one day, the Ambari elephant will be changed," he said, adding that Dasara is nearing. The hint was clear: the demand for change in leadership still seems to be alive in his mind and also that of other BJP leaders.

"We respect the Ambari and also Goddess Chamundeshwari. The CM who leads the government needs to be efficient, just like the Ambari elephant needs to prove its mettle by carrying the howdah and walking majestically during the Dasara procession... The CM's post is not a prestige issue, it's a post to prove efficiency," he said.

He said that Opposition leader Siddaramaiah had once said he had had enough of the post, but now wants the post again. "The Ambari elephant is often changed — Arjuna, Abhimanyu, Balarama, all have carried the Ambari on their back, but can Arjuna's calf become the Ambari elephant just because Arjuna is an Ambari elephant?" Yogeeshwara questioned, taking an indirect jibe at CM Yediyurappa's son and BJP state vice-president B Y Vijayendra.

Prasad hopes for 4 MPs

With the Union Cabinet expansion around the corner, veteran leader and MP V Srinivas Prasad was hopeful that four Parliament members from Karnataka would be inducted into the ministry. He said the names of Shobha Karandlaje, Shivakumar Udasi and Umesh Jadhav are doing the rounds. Of these, Umesh Jadhav appears to be strong contender, he added.

Jab 80% adults by Sept-end? DKS asks govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru:

KPCC president DK Shivakumar on Sunday threw a challenge to the government to vaccinate 80 per cent of the population in three months. Insisting that the State government had vaccinated only 7 per cent of the adult population with both doses of the Covid-19 vaccine, Shivakumar said the Congress alone had administered 1 lakh doses of the vaccine for free.

"Experts are predicting that the third wave will hit us by October. However, if we fully vaccinate at least 80 per cent of the adult population by September-end, there may be no third wave. Even if there is, it will be very mild. That's why I'm asking the Karnataka government if it is up for this challenge," Shivakumar said.

The Congress has been on a statewide free vaccination and ration kit distribution initiative. "The government should stop talking about how many doses it has given. What matters is a double dose. With a single dose, there is very little protection. Studies from Mumbai, London, New York are all saying that two doses will save us," he was quoted as saying.

Shivakumar said he will also present a memorandum to Governor Vajubhai Vala, stating that if the government fails to vaccinate 80 per cent of adults before September-end, it will be responsible for the third wave.

State Cong to discuss induction of turncoats

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru:

THE KPCC will soon discuss and decide on inducting those who had quit the Congress, and want to rejoin the party, said KPCC Working President R Dhruvanarayan.

He said that KPCC Chief **DK Shivakumar**, despite knowing the ground reality, had called on all those who had quit the party and others who believe in Congress ideology, to join unconditionally.

Asked about differences between Shivakumar and Opposition leader Siddaramaiah over inducting rebel MLAs who had defected to the BJP to bring down the coalition government, Dhruvanarayan said Siddaramaiah had earlier stated that none of the MLAs would be inducted into the party.

He said the Congress is focused on highlighting the failures of the government and organising the party, and not on debating who would be the chief ministerial candidate, when elections are two years away.

He accused the Union Government of completely mishandling the Covid situation, and said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dictatorial attitude has affected the people and country during the second Covid wave.

Siddu, Parameshwara, DKS are Kauravas: KSE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Shivamogga:

RDPR Minister and senior BJP leader K S Eshwarappa on Sunday compared former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, KPCC president D K Shivakumar, former KPCC president G Parameshwara and MLA Tanveer Sait to the Kauravas, who are competing with each other to be CM candidate from the Congress.

Addressing a working committee meeting of the district BJP on Sunday, Eshwarappa said the "Pancha Pandavas protected 'dharma'. There are Pancha Kauravas in Karnataka. These people are trying to grab power. Siddaramaiah, who preaches social justice, claims to be the next Chief Minister. Shivakumar, who opposes the worship of any person, gets his followers to shout out that he would be the next CM," he said.

Eshwarappa said that Dalit leader Parameshwara wants to be the next CM. "Minorities leader Sait wants to be the next CM. These leaders claim they will be the next chief minister of the state. They have decided to be CM well before the people decide. The people have rejected the Congress, these leaders are shamelessly claiming to be the next CM," Eshwarappa ridiculed.

A GRACEFUL PASSING

Shri. C.Ananda Murthy
Dir. of. Treasuries. Retd.
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SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction Sale under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 Section 13(4) of the Immovable properties mortgaged to **PRAGATHI CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,,** is brought to Sale under "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION".

Sl. No.	Name and address of the Borrower	Description of the Properties	Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price Secured debt	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank	Date and Place of Public Auction
01	**Smt. A S Rukmini, the borrower & Sri Chinna Reddy the guarantor both residing at:** #75/13, 8th Cross, 17th Main Road, J C Nagar, Near Atreya School, Kurubara Halli, Mahalakshmi Purum, Bangalore-86	All that piece and parcel of the property New No.35, Assessment No.34, Leggere Village, Present Municipal No.75/13, situated at 17th Main Road, J C Nagar, BBMP Ward No.13, PID No.13-51-75/13,	East to West: 50 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet totally 1500 Sq.Ft along with building constructed therein, Bounded on :East by: Road, West by: Property No.12, North by: Property No.34, South by: Property No.36	Rs.95,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Five Lakhs only)	Rs.86,54,197 (interest & other charges as on 02.02.2019 plus charges, costs, etc from 02.02.2019)	04.08.2021 Time 12:00 Pm at branch Pragathi Co-Operative Bank, HO: 12/1, 1st Main Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003.

Terms and Conditions of the Auction:-

1) The auction will be conducted in the premises of above mentioned **PRAGATHI CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,** address. 2) For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price of the property being cautioned deposit which is refundable, 3) The successful bidders should deposit 25% of the bid amount on the same day at the sale in cash/D.D to the bank and the balance within 15 days from the date of auction 4) The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and condition of public auction, time and commits default in any manner. 5) The successful bidders shall bear all expenses like Stamp Duty, Registration fee etc., for getting the Sale Certificate Registered in his/her favour. 6) The schedule property will be auctioned as it is and where it is in the condition under the terms and condition of the SARFAESI ACT 2002. 7) The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone / cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof. 8) For inspection of the property and other particular, the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at **Pragathi Co-operative Bank Ltd., Head Office, or through Telephone No.080-23365137/23369915, +91 9632230044/8660686717 they are at liberty to make their own assessment / enquiry about the property.**

Date: 03.07.2021
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Pragathi Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

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ISO 9001 COMPANY
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TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement)

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS WITHIN KARNATAKA BY ROAD UNDER PROPER CARE

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Opening date of online portal	: 04.07.2021
Closing date of online portal	: 18.07.2021
Last date of receipt of hardcopy of applications	: 21.07.2021

Registrar (i/c)

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TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement)

SUPPLY OF 31.5 KA NON-DAS PANEL FABRICATION WITH ACCESSORIES, INSTRUMENT DOOR, INSTRUMENTS AND INSTRUMENT WIRING AND PANEL WIRING SHEET AND POWDER COATING/ PAINTING AS PER MEI SPECIFICATIONS

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Government of India, Department of Atomic Energy
Zirconium Complex
(A Unit of Nuclear Fuel Complex, Hyderabad)
Tiruchendur-Tuticorin Highway, Pazhayakayal, Tuticorin - 628 152 Ph: 0461 – 2276054/2276161

BRIEF NOTICE INVITING TENDER

General Manager, Zirconium Complex, Pazhayakayal, Tuticorin invites on behalf of the President of India sealed item rate tenders up to 14:30 hrs of 24-July-2021 for the following sale of liquid effluent:

S. No.	Name of tender	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money Deposit	Period of Contract
1.	Sale of soda wash solution from Zirconium Complex, Pazhayakayal, Tuticorin-628152 NIT No-ZC/NFC/OPF/Sale-01/21-22/2408	Rs. 1,38,600/-	Rs. 6,930/-	02 (Two) Years

Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the O/o Assistant Accounts Officer, ZC on payment of Rs.500/- in the form of Cash/DD/BC drawn in favour of AAO, ZC, Pazhayakayal from 06-July-2021 on all working days . The last date for receipt of applications for purchase of tender form will be up to 16:00 hrs on 19-July-2021. For clarification please contact us through telephone : 0461-2276054 & 0461-2276161 E mail- zc.prp@nfc.gov.in, & zc.sns@nfc.gov.in
Other details/ information can be seen on website www.nfc.gov.in

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Notice under Section 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co- borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice	Property Address
1	34697647 & 10139899	Loan Against Property	1. Kalpatharu Hotels 2. T R Chandrashekhara 3. Meenakshi A	19.06.2021	INR 35493147.58/-	**Item No. 1** All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing House List No. 103/24, Situated At Puttennahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Banglore South Taluk, Banglore, Ward No. 27, Bommanahalli Cmc And Measuring East To West On The Northern Side 30 Feet And Southern Side 61 Feet And North To South On The Eastern Side 40 Feet And Western Side 55 Feet. And Bounded By : **East : House No. 23, West : District Board Revenue, North : House No. 8, South: Private Property Now Private Road** **Item No. 2** All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing House List No. 103/23, Situated At Puttennahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Banglore South Taluk, Banglore, Ward No. 27, Bommanahalli Cmc Measuring East To West 40 Feet And North To South 30 Feet. And Bounded By: **East : House No. 22, West : House No. 24, North : House No. 9, South : Private Property Now Private Road**
2	22276004	Loan Against Property	1. Prashanth H 2. Honnappa Bhimaiah 3. Thimmamma Venkatappa	19.06.2021	INR 16,05,302.01/-	All That Peice And Parcel Of BBMP Khata No.320 Old Site No. 320, Pid, No.12-185-320, 4th Cross, Kanteerava, Nagar Slum, Nandini Layout, Bangalore. Admeasuring 661.5 Sq.ft And Bounded As Under : **East : Road, West : Private Property, North : Property No.321, South : Property No.319**

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** . Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)

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Sd/- Deputy General Manager (Procurement)

Government of Karnataka
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
No.1, Sheshadri Road, Bangalore-560001.
No.General/V-2/Cartridge & Stationary/Tender/2017-2018 Date : 01.07.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through Government of Karnataka e-Procurement Portal)

Tenders are invited under two cover systems through e-procurement platform for the Supply of Various type of printer cartridges and other consumables from the registered distributor/dealer by Agriculture Department, Bangalore. The approximate cost of the printer cartridges Stationary and other consumables around **Rs.25.00 Lakhs** and **EMD amount is Rs.40,000.00**

E-Procurement document is available on e-procurement Portal **https:eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Application can be uploaded only through e-procurement portal from **07.07.2021 to 24.07.201 within 5.30 PM.** Hard copies will not be accepted.

Since Procurement is being done through e-procurement portal of department of E-governance, Govt. of Karnataka, all the interested agencies are here by advised to get registered under e-procurement portal. Please visit their **website : https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for further details. They can also be contacted over phone on helpline numbers 91-80-25501216 and 91-80-25501227.

For more information Contact : Joint Director (Admin) Agriculture Department, No.1, Sheshadri Road, Bangalore-560001. Tele Phone : 91-080-22074106 & 91-080-22074109, Email : agrijdadm@gmail.com

Sd/-
DIPR/DDU/SHIRDI SAI/735/2021-22 Director of Agriculture

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.

Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

1,564 CASES REPORTED TODAY

2,082 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

TALLY STANDS AT

TODAY	28,53,643
YESTERDAY	28,52,079

DEATHS

TODAY	YESTERDAY
59	86

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
4,775	7,751

ACTIVE CASES: TODAY 44,846 | YESTERDAY 48,116

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	8.43%
YESTERDAY	8.21%

The day positivity rate — 1.02% — is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of 100 tests conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.23%
YESTERDAY	1.23%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	97.18%
YESTERDAY	97.07%

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until July 4, 2021, a total of 28,53,643 cases have been reported in 1 year and 114 days...

2,12,39,768 Total doses administered in state

VACCINATION DRIVE STATUS

Number of people completing vaccination	40,79,943
Health care workers 1st dose	7,52,393
Health care workers 2nd dose	5,07,500
Frontline workers 1st dose	8,45,921
Frontline workers 2nd dose	2,57,388
Age 18-45 1st dose	70,59,516
Age 18-45 2nd dose	1,50,782
Above 45 1st dose	1,10,26,713
Above 45 2nd dose	2,37,64,486

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES LAST 24 HOURS

352 BENGALURU URBAN

42 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalkot: 0	Chamarajanagar: 48	Dakshina Kannada: 154	Hassan: 59	Kolar: 57	Raichur: 4	Udupi: 28
Ballari: 17	Chikkaballapura: 12	Davanagere: 37	Haveri: 4	Koppal: 7	Ramanagara: 14	Uttara Kannada: 24
Belagavi: 28	Chikkamagaluru: 72	Dharwad: 8	Kalaburagi: 10	Mandya: 65	Shivamogga: 77	Vijayapura: 3
Bidar: 3	Chitradurga: 6	Gadag: 5	Kodagu: 150	Mysuru: 162	Tumakuru: 116	Yadgir: 0

AS COVID WANES, BLACK FUNGUS CASES DIP

Karnataka has so far seen 3,381 cases of mucormycosis and 281 deaths in second wave; 1,068 infected in B'luru

RANJANI MADHAVAN @ Bengaluru

THE state has reported 3,381 cases of mucormycosis or black fungus during the second wave of Covid-19 so far claiming the lives of 281 people. Of the 3,381 cases, 1,068 are from Bengaluru Urban with 87 deaths.

Doctors working at government hospitals treating black fungus patients say the rate of cases has dipped sharply with a steady decline in fresh Covid-19 cases. Also, there is enough stock of Amphotericin-B, the drug required to treat black fungus patients, unlike the shortage witnessed in the months of May and June.

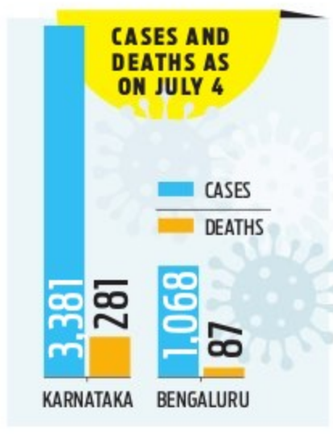
According to sources, Bengaluru's Victoria Hospital, which treats patients with mucormycosis, is seeing just 1-2 cases each day. Earlier, this figure was much higher. While Victoria Hospital treats Covid-positive patients having mucormycosis, Bowring Hospital treats patients who develop the infection after recovering from Covid-19.

"The load of mucormycosis cases has come down by almost 50%. We have operated on more than 100 cases. We have a team of ENT doctors, neurosurgeons, opthamologists, faciomaxillary surgeons and physicians, along with sufficient stock of Amphotericin-B. Outcome of the patients depends on various factors, including immunity status, diabetes, existing disease conditions such as Covid pneumonia and oxygen saturation levels. Symptoms include sinusitis, nasal block, loosening of teeth, blurred vision, restricted movement of eyeball, blackish mass, headache and nasal obstruction," said Dr Vishwanath, professor and head of ENT Department, Victoria Hospital.

Sources said that mortality meetings are held at Victoria hospital to discuss and analyse the cause for each death. Mostly, the patient succumbs to Covid pneumonia, rather than black fungus itself. If not treated properly on time, it leads to death. If the fungus has spread to the brain, it denotes Stage 4 of the disease and can lead to 'on table death' of the patient. However, 90% of the patients have been treated successfully at Victoria Hospital. "Patients who suffer kidney diseases are administered an alternative medicine called Posaconazole. Good diabetes control and antifungal medication for a long period of time will ensure complete recovery of the patient," the source added.

"The situation is stable now with only 2-3 admissions per day. They are all adults, except for two paediatric cases we saw earlier. Supply of Amphotericin-B is sufficient. Fatalities have also reduced. Many of the patients Bowring has received are referrals from Trustwell Hospital," said Dr Manoj Kumar, dean and director, Bowing College and Hospital.

Of the 1,068 cases in Bengaluru Urban, 201 are from Victoria Hospital, 310 from Bowring Hospital and 3 from KC General Hospital, amounting to 514 cases. The remaining are from various private hospitals.



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BEWARE

Hot drinks don't kill viruses! Docs caution against 'self-medication'

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

THE assurance by health experts that vaccines are the best tool to defeat the novel coronavirus has failed to stop the rumour mills. Social media posts continue to popularise self-medication like drinking hot water or kashaya to prevent Covid-19. Doctors, however, caution people against overdoing these 'precautionary measures' as it could be counterproductive. And the matter gets worse if children are involved.

While it is common for adults to visit hospitals with gastroenteritis problems, including burnt food pipes, damaged oesophagus, fissures etc due to an increase in consumption of hot water or kashaya to 'prevent' Covid-19 and 'boost immunity', doctors in Bengaluru are seeing children reporting similar problems. Constipation, acidity and constant burps included.

"With increasing fear about children likely to be the worst-hit in the third wave, many parents are forcing their kids to drink only hot water, do steam inhalation thrice a day and even drink kashaya at least 2-3 times a day. This is leading to severe gastric issues in children, some even coming to us with problems like bleeding from the nose, boils in the mouth, acidity, problem while urinating and indigestion," said Dr Sanjay Gururaj, Paediatrician and Physician at Shanti Hospital and Research Centre.

Meanwhile, Dr Ravindra BS, Director, Department of Gastroenterology, Fortis Hospitals, Bannerghatta Road, says that they are seeing an increase in adults coming with burnt food pipes, rectal bleeding, gastritis, heartburn, constipation, piles and fissures in the second wave. "While people are drinking kashaya 6-7 times a day, over drinking of hot water and medicines, including steroids, are the main reasons causing these problems. In severe Covid cases, it is mainly due to steroids that they develop constipation, acidity, gastritis etc. Even blood thinners are to be blamed," he adds.

Paediatricians say wearing masks, maintaining hygiene and following Covid norms are enough to protect the children from catching the virus.

Dr Asha Benakappa, HoD, Department of Paediatrics, Chandramm Dayananda Sagar Institute of Medical Education and Research, says immunity boosters are a myth. "Kashayas have no role in preventing Covid or enhancing immunity. Drinking boiled water will cause burns and will not kill the virus." "We have to live with this virus till 2023! So don't mess with your lives," she concludes.

Kodagu dist imposes strict checks along its borders

ENS @ Madikeri

KODAGU, the only district in the State where additional economic activities will not commence from Monday, will go for stringent checks along the borders, besides banning tourists and enforcing a lockdown to bring the Covid-positivity rate below 5%.

The checkposts will function 24x7 and officials record data of every citizen entering the district. Those entering the district have to remain under a 14-day quarantine, while travellers from Kerala have to display a negative RTPCR report not older than 72 hours.

There has been some relaxation for shops selling essential commodities. Instead of three days a week earlier, they will be allowed to operate from Monday to Friday between 6 am and 2 pm. Shops selling monsoon essentials and agricultural shops too come under this category. Milk and newspaper shops can function every day till 2 pm. Takeaway facilities at hotels are allowed five days a week till 2 pm and home delivery till 8 pm.

Last rites of the dead can be carried out with a maximum of five attendees. All homestays, resorts and lodges have to remain shut. There will be night curfew on all days from 9 pm to 6 am and weekend curfew from 9 pm on Friday till 6 am on Monday.

48 COVID CASES IN A WEEK, TUMAKURU VILLAGE SEALED

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Tumakuru

THE tiny village of Singapura— with a population of just over 900— has been declared a micro-containment zone and was sealed on Saturday owing to a surge in Covid-19 cases. The village, 88 km from Tumakuru, is home to 260 households and has reported 48 Covid positive cases and two deaths in the last one week.

A team of district officials led by Deputy Commissioner Y S Patil, including zilla panchayat CEO Vidyakumari and Superintendent of Police Sahapurwad, descended over the village on Saturday and directed the officials to create a check post at the border with neighbouring Hosadurga taluk of Chitradurga district, which has also seen a spurt in Covid-19 cases.

A vaccination camp at Singapura village of Tumakuru district

While three persons have been shifted to the government hospital, the remaining, including gram panchayat member Shashidhar, have been admitted to the Covid care centre (CCC) at Melanahalli following directives from District Minister J C Madhuswamy. A 60-year-old woman and her relative, who are asymptomatic, are isolating at their farmhouse, while three other members of their family have been moved to a CCC.

Meanwhile, Covid tests were conducted on 450 persons over the last one week and on Sunday alone, 100 rapid antigen tests were carried out of which six tested positive. Officials suspect the recent funeral of a person, who died of non-Covid complications, as the reason for this sudden spurt in cases. "Some of them had come from the neighbouring Obalapura village in Hosadurga taluk which has also witnessed a spike in cases," said a resident of Singapura.

Tahsildar Tejaswini said that the village will now be sealed for the next 10 days and groceries and other ration have been provided to all the households through the public distribution system. The government has intensified the vaccination drive and 400 people have got the jab, the tahsildar added.

"Earlier, the residents were not interested to take the vaccine at Yalanadu PHC. But after two people died of Covid, they are now queuing outside the PHC to get the jab," said Huchegowda, a resident.

BACK TO BIZ

Staffers of a restaurant in Bengaluru clean the tables on Sunday as they prepare to open up fully from Monday | SHRIRAM BN

COVID BYTES

Another pvt hosp to start Sputnik V drive

Bengaluru: United Hospital in Jayanagar will be the third hospital in the city to administer Sputnik V, the Russian-made Covid-19 vaccine. Hospital founder Dr Vikram Siddareddy said the hospital has sufficient doses and the vials are stored at minus 30° Celsius. The hospital has dedicated four floors to ensure risk-free administration of the vaccine (for two weeks).

Karnataka reports 1,564 new cases

Bengaluru: Ahead of the unlock on Monday, the state on Sunday reported 1,564 fresh Covid cases, the lowest since March 18 (1,488 cases).With this, the total cases since the beginning of the pandemic touched 28,53,643 . With 59 deaths, the mortality rate remains the same at 1.23%. The total death tally now stands at 35,367. Bengaluru Urban reported 352 new cases.

Worry in Ballari as kids report MIS-C, ANEC infections

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Ballari

AFTER recovering from Covid-19, children are facing new illnesses -- Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) and Acute Necrotizing Encephalopathy of Childhood (ANEC) -- which are being reported here, besides one death in undivided Ballari district. At present, 35 such cases have been detected in Ballari and Vijayanagara districts, and the infected children are under treatment at Vijayanagara Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS) Hospital. New diseases among children has created fear among parents of Covid-19 infected children.

More than 3,500 children were infected during the second wave of Covid. To prevent further infection, the district administration started the 'Bala Chaitanya' programme, to provide good food and treatment to those suffering from malnutrition.

MIS-C and ANEC are a big concern to parents as well as the administration. District Health Officer Dr Janardhana H L said the new diseases are seen in children who have recovered from Covid-19. The first MIS-C case in the country was reported from Hoovina Hadagali taluk, where a 13-year-old boy was infected. Now, he is suffering from ANEC. In Covid-19 post-recovery period, some children suffered from tiredness and water in their lungs, causing breathing problems. One baby died of this illness in the district.

"Among 35 infected children, three are in VIMS Hospital, while the rest have recovered. Parents needn't worry as treatment at the right time cures the children," he added.

BACK ON TRACK

'Vaccination, the only tool to keep garment factories running amid pandemic'

MEERA BHARDWAJ @ Bengaluru

ABOUT half of the 4-5 lakh strong workforce of women garment workers in Bengaluru are back to work with the easing of the lockdown norms. Since the garment production units, establishments and industries are operating following government norms at minimal strength, many medium and large ones have been holding vaccination camps on their premises itself. In a special Covid-19 vaccination drive organised recently, many garment units were successful in getting 70-90 per cent of their on-duty staff vaccinated.

Presently, vaccination camps have been set up at their workplaces in Peenya, Yeshwantpur, Kanakapura Road, Kodigehalli-KR Puram, RT Nagar, Bommanahalli, and Marathahalli. Although 10 per cent of the workers have resisted taking the jabs, the rest are up for it due to fear of losing their jobs.

Pic for representational purpose only

Since last year, many garment companies have either shut down or imposed job cuts with 10,000-15,000 workers losing their jobs.

According to Raj Purohit, president of the Karnataka unit of Bharati Udhyog Vyapar Mandal, since the garment sector functions in crowded conditions, they are operating with 30 per cent workers till July 5. "We are getting good help from the Health Department for vaccinating workers and other staff. In fact, the Peenya Industries Association, SMEs as well as the FKCCI have taken the lead in organising vaccination camps."

As per BBMP health officials, micro-planning for each of the city's zones has been done to vaccinate garment workers, cab drivers, agro workers and street vendors. However, since garment units opened up, many had been making rounds of the PHCs and government hospitals in the city to get their first dose of vaccination and returned disappointed. But in the last few weeks, many garment units started taking the initiative and tied up with BBMP to hold camps.

Jessy Lawrence of Lawrence Clothing Pvt Ltd, told *The New Indian Express* that close to 300 workers were vaccinated in a camp held recently.

She added, "Some are not ready to take the jabs while others will be given soon. We are providing two days leave for our workers to get over any side-effects. The remaining workforce who are at home now will also be vaccinated soon."

Ratna, who works in a medium scale unit at Konankunte Cross, said, "I took my first dose a few days back. A camp was organised by our employer and it was free. We were given two days off after our first dose."

There are around 4,000 garment factories in Bengaluru which provide employment to some eight lakh people, including migrants from other states.

The scenic ECR, a regular track for cycling enthusiasts, was aflutter on Sunday morning with Chief Minister M K Stalin, in full cycling gear, whizzing past other cyclists and local people. Videos and pictures went viral on social media

After worker's death, cops book case against firm

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

POLICE on Sunday registered a case of negligence against Party.com, a firm which organises parties, after one worker died and another was injured, when a helium cylinder exploded in an apartment premises in Ashok Nagar on Saturday evening.

The company did not provide any safety gear to the workers, it is alleged.

The deceased was identified as Dinesh M, a resident of Parappana Agrahara, who had come to decorate the apartment with balloons, for a birthday celebration. One of the residents had organised a surprise birthday bash.

"A senior police officer said the incident occurred around 7.45pm in an apartment on Langford Road, and one of the residents had "a plan to celebrate her male friend's birthday. She had ordered balloons on Party.com, and Dinesh and his assistant Mahadev came to decorate 200 balloons. The birthday boy, who was in a hotel, did not turn up due to the mishap."

He had kept the cylinder on his scooter Dinesh was filling the balloons near the entrance and while filling them with helium. When it exploded, Dinesh sustained severe injuries and died on the spot, while Mahadev suffered minor injuries and was rushed to a nearby hospital for first aid. The duo was not following scientific methods to fill the balloons, police said.

Investigations are on and action will be initiated soon. The body was handed over to the family on Sunday after the postmortem, and a notice will be issued to the company on Monday, the police officer added.

STALIN TO BSY: SCRAP MEKEDATU PROJECT

Rejects K'taka stand that it won't affect TN farmers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

TAMIL Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Sunday wrote to his Karnataka counterpart BS Yediyurappa, urging him not to pursue the Mekedatu dam project. A day earlier, Yediyurappa had written to Stalin, seeking a bilateral meeting between the States to address apprehensions over the reservoir-cum-drinking water project.

In his letter, Stalin recalled the Cauvery tribunal's verdict that the three components of the annual quantum of water to be delivered by Karnataka at the inter-State contact point have been clearly identified. The proposed Mekedatu project would impound and divert the first component of uncontrolled flow due to Tamil Nadu, i.e. the flow of the river Cauvery from the uncontrolled catchment of Kabini sub-basin downstream of Kabini reservoir, the catchment of the main stream of the Cauvery below Krishnarajasahara, uncontrolled flow from Simsha, Arkavathy and Suvernavathy sub-basins, and various other small streams.

Uncontrolled water flow is one of the three components contributing to the annual quantum of water to be delivered by Karnataka to Tamil Nadu, and this has been identified in the Cauvery tribunal order as modified by the Supreme Court, he added.

Stalin also rejected Karnataka's stand that the Mekedatu dam project would not affect the interests of farmers in Tamil Nadu.

On Yediyurappa referring to two hydropower projects in Tamil Nadu, Stalin said they cannot be compared to the Mekedatu project, which is intended to store 67.16 TMC of water. The two hydropower projects don't consume water, as the available water is recirculated to meet the peak power demand, he said.

It will benefit both states: K'taka leaders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

RESPONDING to Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's letter, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Sunday urged him not to pursue the Mekedatu project.

Former Water Resources Minister Basavaraj Bommai reacted to Stalin's letter, saying, "Tamil Nadu has been contesting our water claims on irrigation projects concerning the Cauvery, and this time, the new government is blowing up a small issue for political consideration. After the constitution of the Cauvery Management Board, it has become difficult for them. Mekedatu will be beneficial to both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. Their share of water will be released and there will be no issue as only excess water will be utilised. Tamil Nadu has raised objections to the project from the beginning. We are in the right and will continue our legal fight."

He said that Tamil Nadu has to cooperate because Mekedatu is a drinking water project, and will help Karnataka release water to Tamil Nadu when there is less water flow in the Cauvery.

KPCC President and former Water Resources Minister DK Shivakumar told TNIE, "There is a Supreme Court judgment that water has to be released to Tamil Nadu as it is its rightful due. The state government needs political will to go ahead with Mekedatu, and start the tender process. We have a BJP government here and at the Centre.

Officials from the CMO and water resources department are expected to take up the issue with CM Yediyurappa on Monday.

Opposition Leader Siddaramaiah said he has spoken to experts and will brief the media on Monday.

Former Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy is expected to meet Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Monday, and is expected to discuss this issue too.

INDIA SETS RECORD

The scientific crew from the Chennai-based National Institute of Ocean Technology created history this April by conducting the world's deepest underwater locomotion trials – at a depth of 5,270 m – of an indigenously-developed seabed crawler-based mining machine in the Central Indian Ocean Basin | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

MAN KILLS WIFE, SPINS EPILEPSY TALE, HELD

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A 25-year-old man, who had allegedly murdered his wife and then cooked up a story that she had died of epilepsy, has been arrested by the Mico Layout police. Ajit, a resident of NS Palya in BTM Layout II Stage and a bar bander by profession, has been accused of killing his wife, Sania (20). They were in love with each other and had got married about two years ago.

Police said that on the night of June 28, the couple was consuming alcohol together, and there was an argument between them, as Ajit suspected her fidelity as she was going out frequently. Ajit allegedly kicked her and hit her with a piece of plywood on her head, back, and legs.

"The next morning, he admitted her to a hospital and informed her family that she had collapsed in the house due to an epileptic attack. She succumbed to the injuries at around 9.30 pm, and doctors reported the matter to the police as she had injuries on her body. A post-mortem was conducted and doctors opined that Sania had died of injuries. Her husband was eventually picked up for questioning and he confessed," the police added.

CRIME PATROL

7 armed men attack petrol bunk staffer

Bengaluru: A gang of seven armed bike-borne men attacked an employee of a petrol bunk and escaped with Rs 43,000 cash at Coles Park on Friday night. The incident was caught on CCTV camera and the Bharathi Nagar police have launched a manhunt for the miscreants. A senior police officer said that the gang came to the petrol bunk on Wheelers Road at 4.30 am and attacked S Pramod (22), who was managing the station, while his two colleagues were resting in the cabin. They snatched the cash and fled when Promod shouted for help and his colleagues rushed in. ENS

3 held, cops crack 8 chain-snatching cases

Bengaluru: Koramangala police arrested three men over charges of chain snatching, and have thereby solved eight cases, recovering valuables worth over Rs 12 lakh. Muniyappa alias Mahesh (27), Chandu MN alias John (21), and Jaikumar alias JE (28), all three residents of Hoskote in Bengaluru Rural district, have been arrested. Police said eight cases were detected with their arrest. Muniyappa is allegedly involved in more than 12 chain-snatching incidents and has served six years' imprisonment, while Chandu is accused in a case booked under the POCSO Act. ENS

NavIC will aid in disaster management

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NAVIC can be of crucial help in vehicle tracking, fleet management and disaster management, besides being a navigational aid for hikers and travellers. The operational range of NavIC is the entire country and around 1,500 km beyond the borders. It can be further extended with more satellites added to the constellation, ISRO said.

NavIC's services are divided for two sets of users: The standard positioning service for civilian use, and restricted service which is encrypted for authorised users which includes the Defence services.

"NavIC enhances the accuracy and availability of signals in the hilly terrain as well as urban canyon. The NavIC-enabled handheld devices can harness this benefit," ISRO said. ISRO has urged Garmin to make NavIC an integral part of all their upcoming satellite navigation-based devices in India.

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CORRIGENDUM

With reference to the Sale Notice published in this NEWS Paper on **1.7.2021**, **SI No.4** in the account of **DOWAC SYSTEMS AND PROJECT INDIA PVT LTD**, the Reserve Price, E.M.D and the Bid increase amount to be read as follows.
Reserve Price : **Rs.1,14,00,000.00**, E.M.D : **Rs.11,40,000.00**
Bid increase amount : **Rs.1,00,000.00**
All other matter remain same.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 3.7.2021 Authorised Officer

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) DEEKSHA W/o Shivaprasad, Residing at No. 372, Seenappa Building, G.K.V.K Post, Allalasandra, Bangalore - 560 065 have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) DEEKSHA** to **(NEW NAME) DEEKSHA SHETTY** vide affidavit dated 24.06.2021 sworn before Notary Prakash. C, Bangalore.

IN THE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C. AT HOSAKOTE
C.Misc. No. 84/2021
BETWEEN : 1) Smt. Kheirunisa, W/o late Syed Suleman Pasha, aged about 72 years, **2) Sri. Chand Pasha**, S/o late Syed Suleman Pasha, aged about 45 years, **3) Sri. Riyaz Pasha,** S/o late Syed Suleman Pasha, aged about 40 years, **4) Smt. Rezwan Taj,** D/o late Syed Suleman Pasha, aged about 38 years, **5) Sri. Fayaz Pasha**, S/o late Syed Suleman Pasha, aged about 36 years, Petitioners are all R/at Kattigenahalli Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. ...Petitioners
AND : The Thasildar of Hosakote Taluk, Hosakote, Bangaluru Rural District. ...Respondent
GENERAL NOTICE TO PUBLIC
Whereas the petitioner has filed the above petition seeking the direction to the Thasildar Hosakote Taluk to register the date of death of **Syed Suleman Pasha** son of Syed Husen. The petitioner No. 1 husband and petitioner No. 2 to 5 father who died on 18/06/1984 in his house at Kattigenahalli Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangaluru Rural District. Wherefore any party directly or indirectly of likely to be affected may appear before this Hon'ble Court **at 11.00 a.m. on 16.08.2021** either in person or through advocate duly instructed failing with the matter will be heard and disposed off.
Given under my hand seal of the Court this 03-07-2021.
By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Civil Judge & J.M.F.C., Hoskote.
H.M. ANANDA KUMAR, Advocate
5th A Cross, Behind Court Complex, 18 Road, Hosakote - 562 114.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under instruction of my client Sri N.C.Rudrareddy S/o Chikkamarareddy, Neralur Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562107 he has lost bag consisting of original Sale Deed dated: 02/07/1970 registered as Document No.1036/70-71 of Book-I, Volume No.1135, Pages 170-172 before SRO Anekal, relating to the property bearing Sy.No.71 measuring 1 acre 01 gunta situated at Neralur Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, which is executed in favor of my client father. My client has lodged a complaint vide No.PO2144210600250, dated: 28/06/2021. This notice is given for the information of General Public that if anybody finds the Original Sale Deed, we kindly request you to deliver the same to my client Sri. N.C. Rudrareddy S/o Chikkamarareddy, Neralur Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562107.
P. ANAND, Advocate,
P. ANAND & ASSOCIATES
No. 101/350, Abhishek Tower, Mirza Tower, Opp. to Milk Dairy, Anekal Town, Bangalore-562 106.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that My client Dhonthi.S.A.Kumar Urf D.S.Anil Kumar, S/o D.N.Suryanarayana Setty Residing at No.3000, 2nd Main Road, 17th Cross, K.R.Road. BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore 560 070, hereby informs that, the Original Allotment Letter issued by CITB, Original Transfer Certificate dated 15.02.1984, Doc No.4076/1983-84, Original Possession Certificate issued by BDA and Original Sale Deed dated 30.07.1986, Doc No.971/1986-87, for Site No.2961 measuring 60X40 Sq.Ft which have been lost/misplaced while taking Xerox copies in Banashankari. My client has also lodged a police complaint in Lost Article Report dated 04.07.2021 No.115389/2021 before Crime Branch Bengaluru City Police. Any person/s in possession of the aforesaid document may return the same to us or anyone having any sort of claim over the said property may lodge their objections in writing within 7 days from this day to the undersigned.
Karthik. S. Rao. B, Advocate,
No.10, Second Floor, Car Street, Halasuru, Bangalore - 560 008.
Date : 05.07.2021, Place : Bangalore.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of M/s Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Company Ltd under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the Physical possession, on 'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS', 'AS IS WHAT IS BASIS' and 'WHATEVER IS THERE IS BASIS', Particulars of which are given below:-

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Total Loan Outstanding
Loan Account No: X0HLBNA00001447804 **1.Mahadev M,** **2.Mamatha K,** Both are residing at No.10, 1st Main Road, 2nd Cross, Vadula Akshya, Vinayaka Nagar, Kengeri Upa Nagar, Bangalore South - 560 060	**01.08.2020 & Rs. 80,95,964**	All that piece and parcel of property No.43, Sy No.10/2B, Khatha No.875, situated at Sidedahalli Village, Chikkabanavara Group Panchayath, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, vide conversion order bearing ALN. SR. No.10/1999-2000, Bangalore, presently within the limits of BBMP and bounded on the East by - Layout Road, West by Private property, North by - Site No.44, South by - Site No.42, Measuring East to West 50 Ft and North to South 30 Ft.	**Rs. 60,00,000**	**Rs. 6,00,000**	**Rs. 91,48,844/- as on 20.04.2021** together with further interest, penal interest, costs & charges thereon till the date of payment.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING AUCTION PROCESS

1.	**Date of Auction**	**23.07.2021**	3.	**Date of Inspection of Property**	**17.07.2021 (In business Hours)**
2.	**Place of Submission of Bids and Place of Auction**	**Municipal No.45, (Old Nos. 45& 45/1), Second Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore - 560 027.**	4.	**Last date for Submission of Bids**	**22.07.2021 before 5.00 pm**

* A bidder may, on his own choice, avail the facility in the auction by making application in prescribed format which is available along with the offer/tender document on the given office address mentioned hereunder. Sale is strictly subject to terms and conditions incorporated in this advertisement and the prescribed Bid / Tender Document. This notice is also to be treated as a 30 days' notice under Rule 8(5)(c) and 8 (6) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002, " (Rule 8 and 9)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AUCTION

1) The property is sold on 'As is where is basis' 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis'.
2) The Bidder is obliged to exercise full due diligence in all respects, including to inspect each of the details of the property mentioned above on the scheduled date & time.
3) Submission of bids to M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited would be construed a deemed acceptance by the bidder that (i) he/she/it has exercised due diligence in all respects; (ii) Is satisfied with all details/measurements of property; (iii) Acknowledges full knowledge of terms and conditions that govern the auction and (iv) Waives all his/her/its rights to make any contrary claims against company at any future date.
4) The sale is subject to confirmation by the Authorised officer if the borrower/guarantor pays the entire outstanding amount in full before sale, no sale will be conducted.
5) The Bidder shall remit Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by Banker's Cheque / DD drawn in favour of M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited for the respective Loan A/c, along with the bid form in a Sealed Cover addressed to The Authorized Officer, M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited up to **5.00 P.M on 22.07.2021**. Please note that, in reference to successful bidder(s), EMD is adjustable against the sale consideration receivable by M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited. Also, EMD is refundable to the unsuccessful bidder(s).
6) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount immediately on the sale being knocked down in his/her/its favour and the balance within 15 days by Banker's Cheque / DD drawn in favour of M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited for the respective Loan A/c Number.
7) In case the successful bidder fails to deposit 25% of the bid amount immediately on sale being knocked down in his/her/its favour and/or the balance amount, within 15 days the deposit made by the bidder shall be forfeited without any prior intimation.
8) The charges / fees payable for conveyance such as stamp duty, registration fee, maintenance charges electricity charges etc., shall be borne by the successful bidder. The Authorized Officer will not be held responsible for any charge, lien, property tax or any other dues to the Government or local body or any other authority in respect of the property under sale.
9) The Authorized Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject the bid or adjourn / postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice or assigning any reason therefore.
10) The Sale will only be in favour of successful bidder and not his/her nominee.
11) This Notice is also to the Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general. The borrower has absolute right for the redemption of property till the confirmation of the sale Process.
M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited are not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the property as mentioned above. The Property shall be auctioned on 'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis'.
For further details, contact the Authorised Officer, at the above mentioned Office address.

Sd/-
Date : 05.07.2021 **AUTHORISED OFFICER**
Place: Bangalore **Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited**

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Repco Home Finance

REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED
109, First Floor, A - Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

1) Whereas the undersigned being Authorised Officer of Repco Home Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice** dated **16-03-2020** calling upon the **Borrower: Mr. R. Harish Kumar,** S/o, Rajanna,No. 67/01 F, Muneshwara Nagar,Barathnagar 2nd Stage, Byadarahalli,Magadi Main Road, Bangalore - 560 091. **Co-Borrower: Mrs. S.A. Usha Rani,** W/o, R. Harish Kumar,No. 67/01 F, Muneshwara Nagar, Barathnagar 2nd Stage, Byadarahalli, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore - 560 091. **Guarantor: Mr. N. Krishna,** S/o, Ningappa,No. E 74/4, 1st & 2nd Cross,2nd Stage, Rajeshwari Nagar, Laggere, Bangalore - 560 058. **Also at,** R.R. Selection,No. 28, Legger Main Road, Bangalore – 560 058 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **vide Loan Account No.2581890000225** being **Rs.41,71,997/-** with further interest from **03-03-2020** onwards and other costs thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower, Co-Borrower and the Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-borrower, guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this the **29th day of June 2021.**

The Borrower, Co-Borrower, Guarantor and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Repco Home Finance Limited,** was sanctioned at **Bangalore** Branch and this accounts transferred to Asset Recovery Branch situated at No. 109, First Floor, A - Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 001 **vide Loan Account No. 2581890000225** for an amount of **Rs. 43,40,292/-** respectively with further interest from **28-06-2021** onwards and other costs thereon.

We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at anytime before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No. 5, formed in Property Assessment No. 93/1, 93/2 & 95, situated at Muneswara Layout, Laggere Village, Yeswanthapur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, presently comes under the limits of Bruhath Bengalure Mahanagara Palike (BBMP)
Measuring:
East to West: 30 feet **North to South:** 40 feet
Totally measuring : 1200 Sq.ft.,
And Bounded on:
East by: Road **West by:** Site No. 2 **North by:** Site No. 1 **South by:** Site No. 4

2) Whereas the undersigned being Authorised Officer of Repco Home Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice** dated **27-07-2020** calling upon the **Borrower: Mr. V.H. Anjanamurthy,** S/o, Hanumanthaiah, No. 347, Vajarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore - 562 123, **Co-Borrower–I: Mrs. Yashodhamma,** W/o, V.H. Anjanamurthy, No. 347, Vajarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore - 562 123, **Co-Borrower-II: Mr. Hanumanthaiah,** S/o, Late Siddatha, No. 347, Vajarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore - 562 123, **Guarantor–I: Mr. V. Ranganath,** S/o, Venkatachalaiah, Pavithra Provision Store, Vajarahalli, Nelamangala Main Road, Bangalore – 562 123, **Guarantor–II: Mrs. T.S. Sudha,** W/o, Ramegowda, No. 54, Muiniswamappa Layout, Chikkabanavara, Hesarghatta Main Road, Bangalore – 560 090 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **vide Loan Account No. 2581860000093** being **Rs. 24,97,965/-** with further interest from **10-07-2020** onwards and other costs thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower, Co-Borrower and the Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-borrower, guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this the **29th day of June 2021.**

The Borrower, Co-Borrower, Guarantor and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Repco Home Finance Limited,** No. 109, First Floor, A - Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bengaluru – 560 001 **vide Loan Account Nos. 2581860000093** for an amount of **Rs. 24,44,723/-** with further interest from **28-06-2021** onwards and other costs thereon.

We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at anytime before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khatha No. 180/1, formed in converted Sy.No. 105, situated at Vajarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, converted as per order No. B.DIS.ALN.SR (A) 729/2008-09 dated 10-01-08 passed by Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District in all measuring 80 X 70 feet total 5600 Sq.ft., of land together with building consisting of Ground plus Two Floors and bounded as follows:-
East by: Road **West by:** Land of Seenappa **North by:** Land of Kempe Gowda **South by:** Land of Chikka Venkatappa

Place: **Bengaluru** Authorised officer
Date : **29-06-2021** **Repco Home Finance Limited**

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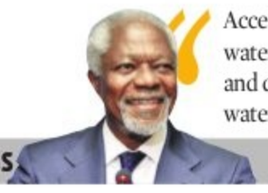

Access to a secure and sufficient source of fresh water is a fundamental requirement for the survival and development of humanity. Yet, we act as if fresh water were a perpetually abundant resource. It is not

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— Ramnath Goenka

GREENHORN DHAMI'S CROWN OF THORNS IN UTTARAKHAND

Uttarakhand got its third chief minister in four months with two-term legislator Pushkar Singh Dhami occupying the hot seat replacing Tirath Singh Rawat. At 45, age is on Dhami's side as he begins with a clean slate. Ironically, that's where his problems begin, since he has no ministerial experience. Leading a team of ambitious netas to run a ministry that is on its last legs is like swimming in piranha-infested waters. The closest he was to the seat of power earlier was as an OSD to Bhagat Singh Koshiyari during his stint as chief minister. Now, Dhami's every nuance will be under the microscope as he hits the road running to repair the badly mauled image of the party that has never retained power in successive elections in the state.

Dhami can perhaps take inspiration from Yogi Adityanath in neighbouring Uttar Pradesh, who was a ministerial greenhorn when he took over as CM, but consolidated his position quickly. Whatever the Yogi's downside, he is a self-made politician with the guts to stand up to bullying, making himself the third most powerful leader in the national BJP. As for the Uttarakhand unit of the BJP, it has so far been unable to produce leaders of substance who can transcend intra-party factions and inspire confidence. The Maha Kumbh Covid mess is of recent vintage, which happened under the watch of Tirath Singh. But the party government led by his predecessor Trivendra Singh Rawat was already going downhill, which was why the Lok Sabha MP was given the leadership mantle on March 10. Tirath Singh took it up not knowing he had the impossible task of getting elected to the Assembly in 13 days, by March 23, to escape the disqualification clause of not holding the seat for at least one year. For, the term of the current Assembly ends on March 23 next year. How the party, with its battery of legal eagles and a helpful Election Commission, missed the point boggles the mind.

As for Dhami, if he even partially restores people's faith despite his predecessors' non-performance and puts up a decent show in the state polls, he could emerge as the redeemer. Else, the dustbin of history would not be far away.

ODISHA OUT OF SYNC WITH ITS FARMERS?

On Saturday, Odisha's Cooperative Minister Ranendra Pratap Swain announced that the government will not procure paddy beyond June 30—the last date scheduled by the Food Corporation of India for rabi season—since over 90% of the registered farmers were done with selling their produce. The declaration came amidst a spate of intense agitations across the state, with the BJP in the lead, over alleged gross irregularities in mandis as rice farmers claimed they have been left high and dry with too much unsold paddy. Farmers are a very crucial constituent in the voters' mix in Odisha and with panchayat polls due next year, no party wants to lose sight of them. The BJP knows that the BJD's Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) scheme, unveiled before the 2019 polls, turned out to be a game-changer of sorts. Caught in the political crosshairs are farmers, but their problems seem to be far from over. When kharif procurement ended earlier this year, farmers were out dumping their produce onto the streets with the same complaints—a flawed system that keeps them at the mercy of primary cooperative societies. The government has time and again come up with the same answer—procurement target has been reached, which turns out to be more than the previous year. If everything is hunky-dory with the system, why are farmers up in arms every year? Paddy procurement in Odisha is a massive ₹14,000 crore annual business. A large chunk of the farming community is stuck to it because it has an MSP attached, unlike the larger basket of commodities for which the Centre offers support price.

At least four departments—Agriculture, Cooperation, Civil Supplies and Revenue—deal with it at different stages, but farmers have none to vent their grievances to. District Collectors do not meet them; farmers cannot access the bureaucratic top brass; systems designed for them are too one-way in nature. What is more baffling is no attempt is being made to understand if their complaints are genuine or driven by vested interests. Those who feed millions deserve that much attention at least.

The social and economic coordinates of pre-Covid times are no longer valid. So legislations designed with those inputs cannot be expected to achieve the desired objectives

REVISITING POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES IS NO WEAKNESS

SOUMYADIP SINHA

K JAYAKUMAR

Former Kerala chief secretary and ex-VC, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam Varsity

The recent initiative taken by the prime minister to meet political leaders from Jammu and Kashmir was widely acclaimed. The meeting may not have had any spectacular outcome; yet it was refreshing for its implicit promise of dialogue and flexibility. However, the same spirit of accommodation is missing in other areas of national life ravaged by the pandemic. The tremors of the economic cataclysm are felt across the sectors and have left a trail of visible and invisible destruction, requiring unprecedented determination to rebuild. It is an ominous period in our history where the single-point attention of the nation needs to be on rehabilitation, revival and reassurance. That is where today's national atmosphere is sadly found wanting. India, which has the most Covid-19 victims in the world today, cannot afford the luxury of old habits.

Political dialogue, public policies and welfare administration have to be necessarily retuned to alleviate the real agony of the times. In a milieu continually assailed by uncertainties, governance as usual will not only be barren but also counterproductive. Effective governance is neither static nor inflexible; it calls for continuous introspection and adaptation. The credit-linked stimulus packages will be of limited impact unless accompanied by a new willingness on the part of the banks to lend to the needy and powerless. The Covid-impacted nation cannot afford anything that drains political and administrative energy. It is a time that does not justify an edgy and uneasy Centre-states relationship, policy obduracy, intimidating and selective law enforcement, and hyper-sensitivity to criticism. The social and economic coordinates of pre-Covid times are no longer valid. The key assumptions and roadmaps of the period prior to January 2020 have lost their relevance. Therefore the policies and legislations designed with those inputs cannot be expected to achieve the desired objectives.

The empty schools and colleges and stuttering online classes have altered the context in which the ambitious National Education Policy (NEP) was formulated with its bold suggestions for overhauling the educational structure of the country. Pursuing the NEP as if nothing has changed can have only tragic consequences. Similarly, the three agricultural laws that have pushed the farmers to an ongoing agitation cannot achieve the economic spin-offs that its protagonists passionately claim. The premises on which the farm laws were drafted are no longer valid. They cannot have the expected beneficial impact in the changed rural socio-economic life, characterised by mounting indebtedness and deprivation.

The privatisation agenda of the Union government is another area where the show cannot and should not go on as planned. The current approach to privatisation, aimed at generating revenue to bring down fiscal deficits, is guided by short-term interests at the expense of long-term strategic value. It betrays a sense of disinterest in even profit-making government-owned enterprises in core sectors. It may be useful to realise that this obsessive commitment to the neo-liberal ideology of privatisation stands discredited with the present experience of vaccination and Covid management. The whole nation is at the mercy of two private sector vaccine manufacturers and the government policy itself is under heavy strain owing to supply constraints. If only there had been vaccine production in the public sector (along with private firms), the situation would have been totally different with the government in a position of commanding strength. That would have scripted an entirely different people-friendly narrative of vaccination. Pertinently, states that can claim better Covid management and lesser mortality are those with a sturdy public health system and not those where private hospitals control public health. The experience of dealing with the second wave of Covid makes it self-evident that a robust public health infrastructure cannot be substituted with any borrowed models of private healthcare. If even this national disaster does not spur us to revise the policy of overzealous dependence on the private sector, what else would?

> This unprecedented crisis should force Central and state governments to boldly and unreservedly review, revise and, if necessary, repeal the policies of another clime. Revisiting initiatives to harmonise with the stark reality of pandemic-ravaged society is not a sign of weakness but a hallmark of wisdom

The recent spurt in cases registered under the UAPA and sedition laws, many of which could not stand judicial scrutiny, has also vitiated the national mood. The impression gaining ground that central agencies are being used for targeted investigation makes people more helpless, fearful and resentful. At a time when the beleaguered citizens expect solace and support from governments, this atmosphere of intimidation and intolerance vitiates the nation's psyche, debilitating its resilience and rejuvenation.

It is alarming that in one year, 27% of Indian households have slipped into the 'no income' group and 24% into the 'income-reduced-by-half' group. The unemployment rate has touched an all-time-high and prices of all essential commodities have spiralled. It is imperative that governments, policymakers and law enforcers acknowledge the defining change in national mood and recognise the ordinary citizens' desperate engagement with livelihood issues. A refusal to admit this recent metamorphosis of society and proceeding with earlier policies and decisions with stubbornness will be an expensive luxury. Expending valuable time and resources on misplaced priorities divorced from the new reality is as much a moral issue as an economic one.

This unprecedented crisis should force Central and state governments to boldly and unreservedly review, revise and (if necessary) repeal the policies, programmes, practices and contentious legislations of another clime. Revisiting and recalibrating governments' initiatives to harmonise with the stark reality of pandemic-ravaged society can never be a sign of weakness but a hallmark of wisdom. An African proverb says: "You cannot turn the wind; so turn the sail." A refusal to do so could be calamitous.

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PRICING WATER, A BITTER PILL TO SWALLOW?

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The finance minister recently revealed another series of announcements that included relief for sectors affected by Covid along with plans to assist the revival of India's economic growth.

One such announcement pertained to India's power sector, which has witnessed significant challenges due to various reasons. One of them includes the inability to allow price mechanisms to guide power tariffs and excessive subsidies to consumers. The cost of this is that discoms become too dependent on state revenues to meet the production costs. Thus, there are limited investments in terms of augmenting the existing infrastructure, which is critical for improving distributional efficiency. The focus of the recently announced interventions is to change the state of the sector, thereby ensuring that we can generate and distribute electricity in an efficient manner. This is essential for manufacturing activity to pick up in India.

This discussion is important to better understand the role of prices in the functioning of an overall economy. Prices tend to carry informational value and play an important role in the distribution of goods or services. The problems in India's power sector were largely an outcome of a disregard for the role of prices, which led to systematic inefficiencies that crept in and eventually created several problems that spilled over to the overall economy.

A similar tragedy could follow due to our disregard for the pricing of water. To be fair, water is essential for survival, which makes it slightly different from electricity (although some may even argue that electricity is a necessity to sustain life in the 21st century). However, the question is not about the pricing of the minimum amount of water needed by an individual. Instead, it pertains to the pricing of water consumed in excess of this.

But even before we get to the pricing issues pertaining to water supply by state governments, the more challenging issue is regarding the use of groundwater. Indeed, in several parts of the country, groundwater is the de-facto mode of obtaining water. This includes cities such as Delhi and/or rural urban regions of Punjab, Haryana and several other parts of the country. The only cost associated with this is that of digging deeper wells or of use of electricity to operate electric pumps. The icing on the cake is the extensive power subsidies that are often granted to the agricultural sector for using these pumps.

A consequence of this is a water-intensive and inefficient production process along with the distortion of cropping patterns across states. Further, the state of Punjab has witnessed a depletion of groundwater that should be available at the depth of 50 to 60 ft but has now dropped to anywhere between 150 ft to 200 ft across the state. This should raise red flags as agriculture is the prime source of income for most households in the state and thus, ensuring sustainable agricultural practices should be of essence. Yet, this is a politically sensitive issue, which is why it has been ignored by the political establishment even as it will eventually have devastating consequences for the state.

> Eventually, we will have to make a choice—whether to price water appropriately to better distribute the resource or to simply allow further exploitation. By providing free water to a certain limit and high prices beyond it, state governments can ensure not just judicious use of water but also its equitable distribution

In theory, the government should provide for connections with meters that would provide free water up to a certain limit. The limits and connections should be different for residential, commercial and agricultural purposes, but the general idea is to subsidise or even provide water as a resource free of cost up to a particular limit. However, beyond that point, it must be priced at an appropriate market determined rate.

This will automatically restrict the use of water-intensive production practices in areas where it is not commercially viable while also resulting in a broader recognition of the fact that water itself is a scarce commodity. Further, this will result in the promotion of practices such as rainwater harvesting and other related projects to conserve our urban and rural water bodies.

It is important that we recognise that water, including urban water, is heavily subsidised. This does have environmental implications, but it also restricts the ability of water supply and sewage boards to invest in repairs or maintenance of existing water supply infrastructure. This further extends to constraints on their ability to invest for wastewater treatment and extend their service.

There is a silver lining though, with the Pradhan Mantri Jal Jeevan Mission aimed at providing piped water connection across the country. The mission was launched in August 2019 when only 16.86% of Indian households had access to piped water. On June 28, 39.67% had access to piped water. The rapid expansion in terms of access to piped water has the potential to create a robust framework for revisiting how we manage our water bodies and other resources. With the Central government focusing on creation of an extensive water distribution system, state governments must revisit the extent of their water subsidies and the use of groundwater in various parts of the state.

Eventually, we will have to make a choice—whether to price water appropriately to better distribute the resource or to simply allow further exploitation of the resource, which only accentuates the scarcity that will ultimately hurt the poor and vulnerable the most. By providing free water to a certain limit and high prices beyond it, state governments can ensure not just judicious use of water but also its equitable distribution.

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New CM has task cut out

The BJP rang the curtain down on the political drama in Uttarakhand by naming Pushkar Singh Dhami the new chief minister. Dhami has earned the distinction of becoming the state's youngest CM. However, he has his task cut out. He has to improve the image of the government that has taken a beating under the previous regime helmed by Tirath Singh Rawat and move towards the development path.

N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

Open Rafale sealed cover

This is with reference to *France begins judicial probe into corruption claims in Rafale deal* (July 4). The BJP-led NDA government has time and again averred that there has been no wrongdoing. The SC had dismissed a batch of review petitions in this regard already. Since France has ordered a judicial probe into allegations of corruption and favouritism in the Rafale fighter jet deal with India based on a complaint by a French NGO, it is time the Government of India comes out with all relevant details of the deal, which have been given to the Supreme Court in a sealed cover, in order to put the matter to rest.

K V Raghuram, Wayanad

Marvellous comparison

This is with reference to the article *That tear-drop of love matters* (July 4). It was a marvellous historical comparison. Voters need to stop blindly following leaders, become more intelligent and have to learn to question the government.

Sathyam N, Tiruchanur

He is not a king

Narendra Modi is not a king with a dynasty. He is a democratically elected people's representative who cannot do what he wants with India's economic resources. People know his commitment towards the nation's growth and even today, his popularity among the masses surpasses that of any contemporary political leader. We get the leaders we deserve; the changing times will throw up new leaders and none can be permanent at the helm, not even Modi.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Kitex exit a loss to Kerala

It will be a great loss to Kerala if the Kitex group goes ahead with its decision to scrap the ₹3,500 crore project that would have provided job opportunities to the unemployed youth of the most literate state in India. Political organisations should not intervene in labour problems. The Kerala government should take the necessary steps to make the state investment-friendly and avoid narrow-mindedness.

K Deviprasad, Koduvally

Has BJP learnt its lesson?

This is with reference to the article *Of poll fever, high teas and resourceful babus* (July 4). The author has summed up the UP election scenario succinctly in the column. The BJP seems to have learnt its lesson from the West Bengal debacle and has also started campaigning much before the polls. As the article says, Modi and the UP CM will steer the campaign with the likely slogan "*Modi ke naam par, Yogi ke kaam par*".

K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam

Swiss legend's smooth wins

Roger Federer, who is gunning for a record 21st Grand Slam title, has been sailing smoothly in the current Wimbledon. At 39, when many professionals would have long retired from the game, the Swiss legend is still playing top-flight tennis and has the hunger to win a few more Slam titles.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon, and the truth - Lord Buddha
#RafaleScam

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
Some people don't know why they lower their faith to such an extent. They also earn in donations of faith and in deals for country's defense

Jagat Prakash Nadda @JPNadda
There is a clear message from Zilla Panchayat election results that the people of UP are with BJP's agenda of development

78% of vax doses given on-site despite digital push

Even after making Co-WIN available in Hindi & 14 regional languages for easy registration, most opted for non-digital mode, accepts Centre

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

DESPITE all its 'Digital India' push, the Modi government has been unable to make India take the digital route for getting inoculated against Covid-19. More than three-fourth of the total vaccine doses have been administered through onsite/walk-in vaccinations, the Centre has accepted in an affidavit to Supreme Court.

"As on 23.06.2021, out of the 32.22 crore beneficiaries registered on CoWIN, 19.12 crore (nearly 59%) beneficiaries have been registered in the on-site mode," stated the affidavit submitted last week. "As per the data available on CoWIN as on 23.06.2021, out of the total 29.68 crore vaccine doses recorded on CoWIN, 23.12 crore doses (nearly 78%) have been administered through on-site/walk-in vaccination," it added.

The figures validate the Supreme Court's concerns over the Centre's vaccination policy that was "exclusively relying on a digital portal" until severe criticism and a plethora of complaints forced a course correction on May 23, when on-site or walk-in registration and vaccination was opened for beneficiaries in the 18-44 age group.

The central government had launched phase-wise Covid-19 vaccination drive on January 16 this year through Co-WIN digital platform with prior registration being required for getting the jabs. In a bid to make the online registration on the Co-WIN platform easy, the government has made various changes, such as making the portal available in Hindi and 14 regional languages including Marathi, Malayalam, Telugu, Kannada, Odiya, Gurumukhi, Bengali, Assamese, Tamil and Gujarati and removing the Captcha code. But even after those changes, a majority of people have opted for non-digital mode of registration, as the data from the CoWIN platform till June 23, cited in the affidavit, reveals.

A beneficiary being administered Covid-19 vaccine in Gurugram on Sunday | PTI

Before the government allowed walk-in vaccination facility, the mandatory online registration was seen to haveaccentuated India's digital divide, with rich and urban Indians having much more access to the jabs than poor and rural folks. This divide was also seen to be a leading factor — apart from vaccine hesitancy — behind slow pace of immunisation before the second wave of the pandemic started wreaking havoc. Lack of internet facility and smartphones in rural areas, apart from the complexities of navigating the CoWIN portal, were said to be preventing people in smaller towns and rural areas from accessing the vaccination facility.

The Supreme Court had also censured the mandatory online registration in a judgment on May 31. Pointing out the gaping digital divide that exists in the country, the court said the target of universal immunisation cannot be achieved by relying on a portal. The marginalised sections of society "would bear the brunt of this accessibility barrier" and this could have "serious implications on the fundamental right to equality and the right to health", the SC said. In its affidavit, the Centre submitted that it was aware that lack of access to digital devices or internet may pose barriers to the citizens and hence it had allowed both on-site and digital registration for all age groups. The CoWIN system is inclusive and "there is no question of any person being left out due to any digital divide", it asserted.

The government further said that on-site registration was not made available only to the beneficiaries in the 18-44 age group between May 1 and May 23 to prevent overcrowding at vaccination centres in view of the need for maintaining social distancing due to a massive surge in cases during the period.

LONG WAIT

Month on, India yet to get doses from US under its donation plan

NEW DELHI: Even a month after the Joe Biden administration announced that it was donating 80 million doses to various countries, India is yet to receive Covid-19 vaccines from the US. However, countries such as Taiwan, Pakistan and Bangladesh have got their shipment of vaccines.

Officials said conversations are on at many levels regarding the shipment but failed to provide a clear timeline and the number of vaccines that will be given to India. The 80 million doses that the US had decided to donate include vaccines from Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson and Johnson and AstraZeneca. India has cleared Covaxin, Covishield, Sputnik and Moderna vaccines for emergency use, while Pfizer is yet to get approval from the Indian authorities. PM Narendra Modi had a telephonic conversation with US Vice-President Kamala Harris last month where the latter elaborated the Biden administration's plans to donate the first tranche of 25 million of the 80 million doses.

"Just like we have in our domestic response, we will move as expeditiously as possible, while abiding by the US and host country regulatory and legal requirements, to facilitate the safe and secure transport of vaccines across international borders. This will take time, but the president has directed the administration to use all the levers of the US to protect individuals from this virus as quickly as possible," a White House statement, detailing plans of the vaccine donations, had said.

Officials believe that while the Centre is keen on the doses from the US, New Delhi's domestic requirements would be met only if the vaccine manufacturing capacity is scaled up. *ENS*

DARBAR MOVE

Ending age-old tradition will hurt economy of Jammu: Traders

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

TRADERS in Jammu and Kashmir have expressed their resentment over the UT administration's decision to end the 149-year-old practice of bi-annual Durbar Move saying it would hurt Jammu's economy and also, increase the void between the two regions.

Surinder Mahajan, president of Raghunath Bazar Businessmen's Association, said: "When the Durbar used to shift to Jammu in winter, thousands of Kashmir-based employees and their families would come to Jammu. There used to be a hustle-bustle in Jammu markets for six months in winter. Our sales would go up."

The 149-year-old bi-annual tradition of shifting capitals between Srinagar and Jammu, by moving hundreds of official files physically in trucks on the treacherous Jammu-Srinagar highway, came to an end on June 30.

"I appeal to the PM and Lieutenant Governor to reconsider the government decision to stop the Durbar Move. Let this tradition continue. Stopping this nearly 150-year-old practice is not right," he said, adding the traders are hurt and disappointed.

L-G Manoj Sinha has said stopping the Durbar Move will save the government ₹200 crore per year. Jammu chambers president Arun Gupta said the Durbar Move is not only connected with finance but connected Kashmir and Jammu as well.

Kanakmandi, Jammu Traders' Association president Anoop Mittal said: "It will break the backbone of Jammu's economy." Mittal said the practice's aim was to connect Kashmir with Jammu as both regions have different topography.

"Through the Durbar Move, people of both regions understood Kashmiriyat and Dogra culture, and it led to amity and communal harmony in J&K," he said.

Bar on unvaccinated persons arbitrary, rules Gauhati HC

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

THE Gauhati High Court has held that the Mizoram government's June 29 Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), which debarred unvaccinated persons from venturing out, preventing them from eking out a living by restricting their movement, was "arbitrary" and "not in consonance with the provisions of Article 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution".

A division bench of Justice Michael Zothankhum and Justice Nelson Sailo observed there is nothing to show that the vaccinated persons cannot be infected with Covid-19 or that they cannot be spreaders.

"It has been brought to our notice that even persons who have been vaccinated, can still be infected with the Covid virus, which would in turn imply that vaccinated persons who are Covid positive, can also spread the said virus to others... If vaccinated and unvaccinated persons can be infected by the Covid virus and if they can both be spreaders of the virus, the restriction placed only upon the unvaccinated persons, debarring them from earning their livelihood or leaving their houses to obtain essential items, is unjustified, grossly unreasonable and arbitrary," the court observed.

An elderly woman leaves after receiving a vaccine dose in Ranchi on Sunday | PTI

It said there is no reason to discriminate only against the unvaccinated persons if the vaccinated and unvaccinated persons cover their faces with a mask as per Covid appropriate behaviour. The court said since the SOP requires everyone to adhere to the protocols, there should not be any discrimination against unvaccinated persons as the protocols are also applicable to them. It said there can be any number of reasons for a person to leave his/her house. It could be for the purpose of procuring essential supplies including food, medicines, attending to his/her near and dear/sick ones, etc.

"However, the said clause has virtually put them under house arrest in violation of Article 21 of the Constitution of India, while persons who have been given the first dose of vaccine are allowed to leave their houses/compounds. Thus, on the ground of discrimination alone, Clause 5(2) is arbitrary," the court observed.

The next hearing has been fixed on July 14.

A delegation from All Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (Kashmir) meets Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on Sunday | PTI

Sikh panel meets Shah over anti-conversion law

NEW DELHI: A delegation of All Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee Kashmir met Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday after it was alleged that two Sikh women were forcefully converted to Islam in J&K.

"Met a delegation from All Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee-Kashmir," Shah tweeted.

Though the details of the meeting was not shared officially, sources said the Sikh body representatives demanded an anti-conversion law for J&K like UP and MP, to prevent forceful conversion in the UT. Recently, the Sikh Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee protested against alleged conversion of two Sikh girls after they were allegedly kidnapped.

The Sri Akal Takhat Sahib, the highest temporal seat of Sikhism, had taken a serious view of reports of Sikh women being subjected to alleged "love jihad" and has written to Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha seeking a law to prevent forceful religious conversion and marriage. *ENS*

COVID TRACKER

1.32% CASE FATALITY RATE	4,85,350 Active cases in India
2.34% DAILY POSITIVITY RATE	10,183 Net decline in cases
2.44% WEEKLY POSITIVITY RATE	18,38,490 Tests conducted on Saturday
97.09% NATIONAL RECOVERY RATE	70% Of the deaths occurred due to comorbidities

VACCINE UPDATE

TOTAL	35,12,21,306
1ST DOSE	28,71,37,161
2ND DOSE	6,40,84,145

LAB UPDATE TOTAL: 2,708

1,620	932	131	15
RT-PCR-BASED TESTING	TRUNAT-BASED TESTING	CBNAAT-BASED TESTING	OTHER PLATFORMS

HELPLINE NUMBERS Source: Union Health Ministry

1075: National helpline | **1098:** Child helpline | **14567:** Senior citizens helpline | **08046110007:** Helpline of NIMHANS for psychological support

EXPRESS READ

Revised rly service pact to boost Nepal trade

New Delhi: India and Nepal have decided to revise the Railway Service Agreement. According to the revised text of the agreement, all Indian and Nepali authorised private container train operators will be allowed to use the Indian Railways network to carry freight containers for Nepal's imports or exports. Until now, only the Container Corporation of India was allowed to do so. The agreement was signed in 2004, and both sides have amended it many times.

Sarma for hike of tea garden workers' wages

Guwahati: Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday pitched for a "decent practice" of increasing wages of tea garden workers to ensure that a seamless working atmosphere is maintained. The annual increase will help reduce the sudden burden that tea garden managements face when wages are hiked after three or four years, he said. "My idea is that instead of waiting for three or four years, there should be an increase (in wages) every year."

MILITARY REFORM PROCESS DEMANDS COHESION

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

DIFFERENCE of opinion on the biggest military reform in the country turned into a public spat on Friday, when Chief of Defence Staff General **Bipin Rawat** and Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria were caught in a debate over the role of the Air Force. Experts this newspaper spoke to felt airing differences in public has created an unhealthy situation. They think it also means not enough consultation has taken place.

Longtime advocate of higher defence management reforms, Admiral Arun Prakash (retd) said: "Other nations attempting national security reform faced similar situations — opposition to change and infighting over air power issues. However, they were forced by their governments to sit down and resolve differences."

The world's most powerful US military took four years before a bill in the parliament was forced upon the military commanders. Even the UK faced similar problems, with services on divergent paths having tussles, arguments and counter arguments.

There had been two prominent instances when the Indian armed forces were seen lacking cohesiveness. When the Indian Peace Keeping Force was formed, a joint command was tried and it did not succeed, leading to confusion, said an expert who did not wish to be named. In Kargil also, a similar scenario appeared, added the source. Resolution of these matters took time. Without going into details of the CDS-Air Chief spat, Admiral Prakash said: "It is too important an issue to rush through with half-baked solutions. They have to find consensus even if it takes time."

Major Gen SB Asthana (Retd), Defence Expert, said in the US, lawmakers played an important role by initiating a highly educated debate to change the structure. "India may have to wait before such erudite debates take place on complex matters."

Sources said since the beginning, IAF has been flagging the issue of dilution of the powers of the Chief of Air Staff. Today, India is facing two threats — it is in a standoff with the largest military in the world, while the other adversary is devising new ways to disturb peace through drones/terror attacks.

Air Vice Marshal Manmohan Bahadur (retd) says discussions are for solutions. "Air power, within a hundred years of the first manned heavier-than-air flight, has graduated to pole position in war execution. With it's virtual presence far from where it is positioned, air power can coerce and dissuade adversaries. In India's case, the situation is similar and the IAF would carry the war deep into adversary territory. It is imperative that the government ensures the IAF's bite does not get blunted due lack of resources. The IAF would be a major player in the joint application of power in any future conflict."

Modern war is swift and will need a joint approach. The present system of the 17 commands of the Army, Air Force and Navy spread out geographically may not work. With the aim of restructuring, the present government went in for the biggest post-Independence military reform. General Rawat was made CDS in January, 2020. The brief for him was "Facilitation of restructuring of Military Commands for optimal utilisation of resources by bringing about jointness in operations, including through the establishment of joint/theatre commands."

Theatre commands are to strengthen cohesion, pool in resources, cut duplication and redundancies. Seamless integration among the land, sea and air forces is expected to lead to better coordination and response. Also, this reform will clear the chain of command for better response in case of any exigency. Three services, under the new arrangement, will plan, train and practice joint warfare. The command of all the resources under one theatre will lie with one Commander, cutting time lag.

India, as explained by the CDS, is planning to have five theatre Commands — Air Defence Theatre, Maritime Theatre, Eastern Theatre (China will be under it), Western Theatre (Pakistan) and Northern Theatre (Line of Control and Line of Actual Control together with counter-terror operations).

Across the world, most militarily powerful nations have theaterised their armed forces. These include the US, UK, France, Russia and China. Even Pakistan is moving to reconfigure into this format.

Rafale deal: Rahul questions govt intent, BJP hits back

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi put out an online poll on Sunday questioning the Centre's alleged reluctance in conducting a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into the multi-billion-dollar Rafale jets deal.

At 10:45 am, Rahul conducted the online poll on Twitter, asking why the "Modi government is not ready for a JPC probe". The options given by him were "Guilt conscience", "Need to save friends", "JPC doesn't want a Rajya Sabha seat", "All of the above".

The alleged scam in the ₹59,000 crore deal was one of Rahul's main poll planks going into the 2019 General elections, in which BJP returned with an even greater, historic mandate. Leading the Congress campaign, Rahul tried to question PM's clean image in rallies with the slogan "Chowkidar chor hai", which apparently backfired. Addressing the media on Sunday, Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera said the deal was an inter-governmental one between India and France and one of the two countries had initiated a probe while the other was yet to even comment.

"It's been 24 hours since France has ordered a probe on matters like corruption, influence peddling, money laundering, favouritism. The whole nation, the whole world is now looking to New Delhi. Why the silence?" Khera said.

Hitting back, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra sought to know why the UPA government did not procure the fighter planes for 10 years despite a depleted squadron strength of the IAF, "Is it because the Gandhi family did not get their desired 'commission'?" he asked.

Patra said it does not sound well when the Congress party accuses others of jeopardising national security. It is astounding that yet again the Congress has taken the "abuse" way, Patra said. *ENS*

LAUNDERING CASE

Former Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh moved the apex court seeking protection from any coercive action in a money laundering case. The ED had issued fresh summons to the NCP leader seeking his appearance on July 5.

80% CLAIMS

SEEKING SETTLEMENT RIGHTS REJECTED BY ASSAM GOVT

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	37	31	Mumbai	32	28
Bhopal	36	27	Panaji	30	26
Jaipur	36	30	Patna	35	29
Amritsar	38	29	Lucknow	37	32
Chennai	34	26	Port Blair	32	27
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	29	22
Srinagar	32	14	Chandigarh	40	30

Uttarakhand change of guard has never worked

Past record shows new CM could not lead party to win in elections

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

THE change of guard midway in Uttarakhand has historically failed to result in desired gains for the prominent players — BJP and Congress. After Tirath Singh Rawat resigned, ending his 115 days in the office — shortest tenure for any Uttarakhand CM — Pushkar Singh Dhami faces the challenge of bucking this trend.

Yogesh Kumar, Dehradun based political analyst, said: "Any ruling party which changed the chief minister midway failed to win the next state Assembly elections. It will be interesting to see how the youngest chief minister breaks this curse."

After Nityanand Swami, first CM of the state, died in 2001 after 354 days in the office, Bhagat Singh Koshyari of BJP held office for 122 days till 2002. BJP lost the Assembly elections to Congress that year. In March, ND Tiwari became CM. He remains the only Uttarakhand CM to complete his tenure. Dhami is 11th CM of the state.

In March, 2007, Bhuwan Chandra Khanduri of BJP took charge as CM. He was removed by the party after two years and 111 days. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' was brought in to regain lost popularity of the party. In September 2011, Nishank was removed after two years and 75 days in office and Khanduri was brought back for the upcoming elections due in just six months.

BJP suffered a defeat by a slim margin of one seat and Congress was able to form the government with the help of other MLAs, including Independents in the 70-member state legislative assembly.

In 2014, the central leadership of Congress decided to remove Vijay Bahuguna to bring in Harish Rawat. Later in 2017, Congress suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of the BJP. The saffron party won 57 seats in the state Assembly, leaving Congress with just 11 members.

Dinesh Mansera, another analyst based in Haldwani, said: "Though the historical trend shows no ruling party has benefitted by a change of guard midway in Uttarakhand, we should wait and watch. The new CM has big challenges ahead — to win Uttarakhand for the party and himself. This is a make or break moment, which will define his and his party's future in the state."

'All thought only Dhami will take charge'

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"IT was a surprise as everyone thought only the chief minister-designate will take oath. When the announcer called the names of 11 members of the Tirath Singh Rawat cabinet, it was clear that all wrinkles had been ironed out," said a party insider.

Prominent among those who were furious were Satpal Maharaj, Harak Singh Rawat, Yashpal Arya and Bishan Singh Chuphal. Satpal Maharaj was said to be the angriest. According to party sources, he had left the meeting of the BJP legislature party mid-way on Saturday and tried to seek time from the Central leadership to share his resentment. He was one of the strongest frontrunners for the CM post and had the backing of the RSS, sources said.

Apparently to mollify Satpal Maharaj, Dhami called on him earlier in the day. A senior Central leader is learnt to have spoken to the sulking leader, after which he agreed to join the Dhami cabinet.

The party was worried as initially names of at least 35 dissenting MLAs were doing the rounds. Central observer Dushyant Kumar, Nainital MP Ajay Bhatt and minister Dhan Singh Rawat did the firefighting, thrashed out an amicable formula for power sharing and put a lid on dissidence. However, it meant the greenhorn chief minister would have little leg room to manoeuvre.

"I am happy as my young brother has been chosen the CM. I will help him in every way possible," Chuphal said.

REACHING OUT TO SENIOR LEADERS

Dhami met senior BJP leaders, some of whom are said to be unhappy over his appointment, ahead of the swearing-in ceremony. Sources in the saffron party said some leaders, including Satpal Maharaj and Harak Singh Rawat are sulking after Dhami was elected as the next CM

Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami (left) with former chief minister TS Rawat in Dehradun on Sunday | PTI

'Half of BJP MLAs want to be with TMC'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE@ Kolkata

THE Trinamool Congress claimed half of the BJP's MLAs are in touch with its leadership and a decision on whether all of them will be inducted is yet to be taken.

The party also said it was not happy with the Calcutta High Court's recent order observing that the state government is in denial mode on the issue of post-poll violence.

"More than half of BJP's newly elected MLAs are in touch with our party, expressing their willingness to join. The party is yet to take a stand on this issue. It is the chief minister who will take the final decision," said TMC MP and spokesperson **Saugata Roy**.

Ever since her stupendous victory in the Assembly elections, TMC chief Mamata Banerjee has opened the door only for Mukul Roy only. Many BJP MLAs, who had defected from the TMC, said they were not happy with the saffron camp's political narrative.

Former minister Rajib Banerjee, who joined the BJP ahead of the elections, said he was not happy with the party's divisive politics.

Roy also said the party was not happy with the Calcutta High Court's observation on post-poll violence. "The observation and order was given by a bench of five judges which include acting chief justice Rajesh Bindal. We wrote to the Chief Justice of India seeking removal of Bindal."

Last month, TMC MLA and Bar Council of West Bengal chairperson Ashok Kumar Deb had alleged that Bindal was biased in the hearing of some prominent cases.

Condemning the HC order engaging the National Human Rights Commission to submit a report, Roy said there was no need to engage the NHRC. "Such order is suitable when there is no government. We have a stable government and the state has its own human rights commission."

NIA, Centre solely responsible for Swamy's critical state: Mahasabha

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

THE Jharkhand Janadhikar Mahasabha (JJM) demanded immediate bail and all necessary medical and specialised medical facility for ailing Jesuit priest and activist **Father Stan Swamy**.

Swamy's health has deteriorated and he has been put on a ventilator, the JJM said in a statement on Sunday. "Swamy's situation is said to be critical. The NIA and central government are solely responsible for the sufferings of this elderly person and the current state of affair. The NIA court also played its role by denying him a bail on both medical grounds and merit and assurances of the Maharashtra government regarding support for Stan Swamy are yet to be seen."

Since early May, Swamy was keeping unwell at Taloja jail as he had fever, cough, extreme weakness and a running stomach, it added.

The NIA had arrested Swamy, 84, in a case related to the Bhima Koregaon clashes on October 8 last year

Without an iota of evidence, the JJM said, Swamy is languishing in the jail and is now battling for his life. Denying bail to an elderly and ailing person, with limited mobility and no history of violence against others, is beyond comprehension, it said.

"Moreover, the arsenal report, prepared on the basis of electronic evidences collected by the NIA, has exposed how fake documents were planted into the computers of the accused in the Bhima Koregaon case. Stan himself clearly told the NIA that some so-called extracts allegedly taken from his computer were fabricated and that he disowned them."

Adivasis, gram sabhas, civil society, several political leaders and parties, and CM Hemant Soren have condemned Stan's arrest, it said. "Had the investigating agencies and the court taken a humanitarian approach, Stan would not have to go through this suffering as he is fighting for his life, while the central government continues to look away."

NHRC SENDS NOTICE TO MAHA CHIEF SECY

NEW DELHI: The NHRC has asked the Maharashtra government "to ensure every possible medical treatment" to jailed activist Father Stan Swamy who is on ventilator support. Earlier, the NHRC had received a complaint that Swamy was being denied medical facility. In a statement, the NHRC said that it was looking into the complaint alleging serious health condition of Swamy. The commission called upon the Maharashtra chief secretary to ensure "every possible efforts are made in providing him proper medical care and treatment as part of life saving measure and protection of his basic human rights." On Sunday, Swamy's lawyer said that his condition had deteriorated further. "Earlier, the Commission had received a complaint on May 16 that Swamy was being denied medical facility during the Covid period. It was also alleged that he had not been vaccinated yet and that there was no proper medical care in jail hospital," the NHRC said.

Assam to form sub-groups to contain its population

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

TAKING forward his population control policy, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday announced the creation of eight sub-groups to work on a gamut of issues, including stabilising the population explosion. The announcement was made after he met representatives of the indigenous Muslim intelligentsia.

Sarma said the participants agreed on population explosion being a major threat to the state's development. "If we have to be among the top five states, then we must manage our population explosion," said Sarma. The chief minister said the sub-groups would work in sectors like population stabilisation, health, education, cultural identity, women empowerment etc. "After three months, we will be here again to prepare the roadmap for five years," he said.

This was the Assam government's first-ever meeting with leaders of indigenous Muslims since Independence. Sarma said he would hold discussions with representatives of migrant Muslims too.

MVA govt is muffling democracy, trampling oppn rights: Fadnavis

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

THE Maharashtra Assembly's two-day monsoon session beginning today is likely to be stormy with the opposition BJP taking up issues, including the ED action on a sugar mill linked to Ajit Pawar.

Leader of Opposition **Devendra Fadnavis** said that the Maha Vikas Aghadi deliberately reduced the duration of the monsoon session to deprive the Opposition from raising important issues.

Fadnavis said that the government issued a notification saying that no legislative tool will be used to raise any issue during the session. "This is nothing but trampling the right of opposition and locking the democracy. We condemn this in the strongest words. In the last 60 years, we had never witnessed such kind of functioning of any ruling party in Maharashtra. This is an emergency," he claimed.

Incidentally, Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray has also cancelled the traditional tea party on the eve of the session for the Opposition, citing the pandemic as a reason.

Maharashtra Congress spokesperson Sachin Sawant advised Fadnavis to give the same suggestion to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Sawant said that when Modi was the Gujarat chief minister of Gujarat, that time he called the average 30 days session despite no threat of a pandemic. "The Opposition should raise the concrete issue, not make any hue and cry on each issue to malign the image of the government."

In the last session, BJP raised the arrest of Mumbai cop Sachin Waze and the deaths of Mansukh Hiren that resulted in resignation of former Home minister Anil Deshmukh. Before the session also, BJP was able to pressure on the Shiv Sena and get the resignations of forest minister Sanjay Rathod during last session.

UP cop in dock for false info to court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

A show cause notice has been issued by the Allahabad High Court to a sub-inspector of Uttar Pradesh Police for misleading the court by supplying false and incorrect information regarding a police station, which was actually not in existence.

While hearing the bail application on Saturday, Justice JJ Munir issued the notice to the sub-inspector of Kotwali Police Station in Bijnor district for informing the court (through additional government advocate-AGA) about a case having been registered against the bail applicant under Section 3(1) of the UP Gangsters Act with Akbarabad police station of Amroha district, despite no such police station existing in Amroha district.

After finding that the sub-inspector had supplied false and incorrect instructions through the state government's advocate, the High Court directed the police officer, Amit Kumar, to be present in the office of the government advocate at 2 pm on July 8.

The court also ordered to present the bail application at 2 pm on July 8.

Earlier, the counsel for the applicant had submitted before the high court that his client had become the victim of an overenthusiastic action by a rather 'mysterious' group of policemen, who are constituted into Special Operation Groups. The applicant was arrested from home and falsely foisted with recovery of some cars along with motorcycles, along with a number of other co-accused, he said.

EXPRESS READ

Crocs relocated from lake near Patel statue

Ahmedabad: As many as 194 crocodiles were relocated from a lake near the 'Statue of Unity' in Gujarat's Narmada district in the last two years for the safety of tourists, officials said on Sunday. The Panchmuli lake, situated near the 182-metre tall statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, had a large number of crocodiles that posed a threat to visitors, they said. "In 2019-20, we relocated 143 crocodiles. In 2020-21, another 51 crocodiles were shifted," an official said.

Gupkar leaders meet at Farooq's residence

Srinagar: A meeting of the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) was held on Sunday, the first such meet after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's all-party meeting on Jammu and Kashmir in New Delhi on June 24. A PAGD leader said the meeting was held at the residence of NC president Farooq Abdullah. All the leaders of the alliance, including PDP president Mehbooba Mufti, and its chief spokesperson M Y Tarigami, were present at the meeting,

Nothing personal against Nitish, say Bihar's Young Turks

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

BIHAR'S two young politicians — LJP's Chirag Paswan and RJD's Tejashawi Yadav — are opposed to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's policies, which they think have resulted in corruption. However, they don't hold any individual grudge against him.

On the eve of his much-publicised statewide 'Ashirwad Yatra', starting from Hajipur, Paswan said: "I don't have any individual grudge against Nitish Kumar ji. He is the CM of our state and being a Bihari, I respect him. But I am opposed to his policies, which have failed to do the best for Bihar."

Paswan said whenever he meets Kumar, he will seek his blessings by touching his feet but his opposition of his policies, which have resulted in mass migration, unemployment and poor governance, will not be compromised.

Supporting Yadav's prediction that the Kumar-led NDA government will fall soon, Paswan said: "I had already made it known to the people that this government will not last longer than either a year or 15 months because of its own faults".

ALL EYES ON LJP LEADERS

Meanwhile, the battle for Ram Vilas Paswans legacy is being played out as his son Chirag and brother Pashupati Kumar Paras, heading two rival factions of the Lok Janshakti Party manoeuvre for a test of strength on the late leaders birth anniversary on Monday

Yadav, who calls Paswan '*bhai*', on the eve of his party's foundation day — which coincides with the birthday of the late Ram Vilas Paswan — slammed the government for corruption and high-handedness of the bureaucracy.

"I don't have personal problems with the CM. But bureaucrats in Bihar are flaunting unbridled power and not taking the concerned ministers seriously. Corruption has plagued the systems of governance in the state just because of weak leadership," Yadav said, adding that dozens of scams have gone overlooked. He repeated that people want this government to fall.

Likewise Paswan, Yadav lambasted the government for not doing anything on employment generation. "The migration of people is high and youths are unemployed in numbers," he said, asking party leaders to take the ideologies of Lalu Prasad to the people.

Badminton couple delighted by Udaipur

Indian badminton couple Saina Nehwal and Parupalli Kashyap reached the 'City of Lakes' on Sunday. Saina posted pictures of both enjoying the scenery of Udaipur. Besides boating in the Pichhola Lake, the duo shared a romantic dinner at the famous Lake Palace. The couple who took break from training as they failed to qualify for the Olympics enjoyed an extended holiday visiting Agra and Jaipur before their Udaipur tour. Their pictures on social media show that they are having a fun time away from badminton.

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JAIPUR DIARY

Rajasthan ranks 2nd in Smart City projects

Amidst the pandemic gloom, Rajasthan saw a ray of hope as the state stood second among the 36 states and Union Territories in the implementation of the Smart City project. Significantly, as per the recent ratings released by the Union government, four Rajasthan cities feature in the smart city mission list, which are Udaipur, Kota, Ajmer and Jaipur securing the 6th, 11th, 29th, and 36th rank respectively among the 100 smart cities of the country. These rankings are based on aspects like the smart city plan implementation, tendering process besides the utilisation of funds and provision of the utility certificates to the Centre. Besides, improvement in waste disposal, roads, transport facilities and water arrangement are important criteria in ranking of smart cities.

Cell for protection of transgender people

In a major initiative to protect the rights of the transgender community, the Rajasthan government will constitute a Transgender Protection Cell in the state. This special cell will be created in the office of the Director General of Police in Rajasthan. This decision was cleared by Chief Minister Ashok Gahlot who said that the cell will work for the prevention and monitoring of crimes against transgender by ensuring timely registration of cases. They have a counsellor and a Psychological Advisor who will work to create a better environment of safety and justice for transgender persons.

Places of worship reopen in Rajasthan

Months after temples were closed due to Covid-19 second wave, religious places in Rajasthan reopened with restrictions for people from June 28. Movement of devotees is allowed from 5am-4pm but only after people get at least the first dose of vaccine. As per the new guidelines, devotees cannot carry flowers, garlands and other worship materials during their visit. Devotees arrived in large numbers at four major temples and Ajmer Sharif Dargah and on Day One itself over 25, 000 people turned up to offer prayers. With places of worship reopening after the lockdown, devotees are clearly having a major sigh of relief.

PHILIPPINE MILITARY PLANE CRASHES, 45 DEAD

42 army soldiers on board and three civilians on ground among deceased

MANILA

A PHILIPPINE air force C-130 aircraft carrying combat troops assigned to fight Muslim militants crashed and exploded while landing in the south Sunday, killing at least 42 army soldiers on board and three civilians on the ground in one of worst disasters in the air force's history.

At least 49 other soldiers were rescued with injuries and survived the fiery noontime crash into a coconut grove outside the Jolo airport in Sulu province, including some who managed to jump off the aircraft before it exploded and was gutted by fire, military officials said. Three of seven villagers who were hit on the ground died.

Rescue workers arrive as smoke billows from the wreckage of a Philippine Airforce C-130 transport plane after it crashed near the airport in Jolo town, Sulu province on the southern island of Mindanao | AFP

The aircraft had 96 people on board, including three pilots and five crew while the rest were army personnel, the military said, adding only five soldiers remained unaccounted for late Sunday. The pilots survived but were seriously injured, officials said.

The Lockheed C-130 Hercules was one of two ex-US Air Force aircraft handed over to the Philippines as part of military assistance this year."A number of soldiers were seen jumping out of the aircraft before it hit the ground, sparing them from the explosion caused by the crash," a military statement said, citing witnesses.

Initial pictures released by the military showed the tail section of the cargo plane relatively intact. The other parts of the plane were burned or scattered in pieces in a clearing surrounded by coconut trees. Soldiers and other rescuers with stretchers were seen dashing to and from the smoke-shrouded crash site, where a dark gray smoke billowed.The plane was transporting troops, many of them new soldiers who had just undergone basic training, from the southern Cagayan de Oro city for deployment in Sulu, officials said. "They were supposed to join us in our fight against terrorism," Sulu military commander Maj. Gen. William Gonzales said. Government forces have been battling Abu Sayyaf militants in the predominantly Muslim province of Sulu for decades.

Regional military commander Lt Gen Corleto Vinluan said it was unlikely that the aircraft took hostile fire, and cited witnesses as saying that it appeared to have overshot the runway then crashed on the periphery of the airport. An air force official said the Jolo runway is shorter than most others in the country. *AP*

Israel arrests Palestinian rights lawyer

JERUSALEM

A Palestinian human rights lawyer was detained by Israeli forces Sunday after taking part in a protest in occupied West Bank against Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, his rights group said.

The Independent Commission for Human Rights said Farid al-Atrash was detained at an Israeli checkpoint while returning from a protest against the Palestinian Authority in Ramallah, where the PA is headquartered. It said al-Atrash was transferred to Israel's Hadassah Hospital. Issa Amro, a prominent Palestinian activist and friend of al-Atrash, said he was released from the hospital hours later and was still being questioned by Israeli authorities. Neither the Israeli military nor police responded to requests for comment.

Both Amro and al-Atrash have been arrested by Israel in the past for organizing and taking part in protests against its military occupation of the West Bank. But Amro said al-Atrash had recently focused his efforts on protesting the PA over Nizar Banat, an activist who died shortly after being violently arrested by Palestinian security forces last month. He said another rights lawyer, Mohannad Karajah, who is defending protesters arrested by the PA, was briefly detained by Palestinian authorities on Sunday.

Amro himself was detained by the PA last month and held overnight, days before Banat died in custody. *AP*

Taliban captures districts including Kandahar from fleeing Afghan govt forces

KABUL

THE Taliban's march through northern Afghanistan gained momentum overnight with the capture of several districts from fleeing Afghan forces, several hundred of whom fled across the border into Tajikistan, officials said Sunday.

More than 300 Afghan military personnel crossed from Afghanistan's Badakhshan province as Taliban fighters advanced toward the border, Tajikistan's State Committee for National Security said in a statement. The Afghan troops crossed over at about 6.30pm local time Saturday. "Guided by the principles of humanism and good neighborliness," the Tajik authorities allowed the retreating Afghan National Defense and Security Forces to cross into Tajikistan, said the statement.

Since mid-April, when US President Joe Biden announced the end to Afghanistan's 'forever war', the Taliban have made strides throughout the country. But their most significant gains have been in the northern half of the country, a traditional stronghold of the US-allied warlords who helped defeat them in 2001. The Taliban now control roughly a third of all 421 districts and district centers in Afghanistan.

The gains in northeastern Badakhshan province in recent days have mostly come to the insurgent movement without a fight, said Mohib-ul Rahman, a provincial council member. He blamed Taliban successes on the poor morale of troops who are mostly outnumbered and without resupplies. In the last three days, 10 districts fell to Taliban, eight without a fight, he said. Hundreds of Afghan army, police and intelligence troops surrendered their military outposts and fled to Faizabad, said Rahman.

An internally displaced family flees towards the city in Panjwai district of Kandahar province on Sunday after the Taliban captured a key district | AFP

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> Mohib-ul Rahman, provincial council member

Even as a security meeting was being held early Sunday to plot the strengthening of the perimeter around the capital, some senior provincial officials were leaving Faizabad for the capital Kabul, he said.

Meanwhile, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid confirmed the fall of the districts and said most were without a fight. The Taliban in previous surrenders have shown video of Afghan soldiers taking transportation money and returning to their homes. *AP*

S Africa top court agrees to hear Zuma's challenge

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH AFRICA'S highest court has agreed to hear former president Jacob Zuma's challenge against his 15-month jail term for failing to attend an inquiry into alleged corruption during his tenure, giving him a reprieve from turning himself over to the police on Sunday to serve the sentence.

The Constitutional Court sentenced Zuma to 15 months in jail on Tuesday after he repeatedly refused to appear at the Commission of Inquiry into State Capture.

Zuma, 79, is accused of enabling the plunder of state coffers during his nearly nine-year stay in office from 2009 to 2018. The court had given him time till Sunday to turn himself over to the police. The court said on Saturday it will hear an application filed by Zuma on July 12 to have the ruling rescinded, effectively giving him a reprieve of one more week. Zuma asked the court to rescind its ruling, citing his age, unspecified medical conditions and the upcoming third wave of Covid-19 pandemic as a threat to his life, according to sources.

"I am advised that before I walk through the prison doors to serve my sentence as the first direct prisoner of the Constitutional Court under our constitutional democracy, it will not be futile to make one last attempt to invite the Constitutional Court to relook its decision...," Independent Online, a news website, quoted Zuma's plea as saying. *PTI*

Jacob Zuma

PUBLIC NOTICE

As per Narayana Nethralaya Hospital, Indiranagar Branch Retention Policy of Medical records has been revised. The paper copies of older medical records of Outpatient and Inpatient last seen before 31st Dec 2016 bearing registration No. from 11 to 49981 shall be discarded. Interested person can collect the copy of the records from Medical Records Section, as per details given below.

Request shall be made by patient only. In case the patient is minor or not in a condition to receive records, the guardian /authorised nominee with an authorization letter and ID proof can collect the copy of the record. Post request the file shall be retrieved within 72 hours and handed over to the concerned. The files can be requested and collected from Monday-Saturday between 10am to 4pm,on or before 25th July 2021.

Note: Files of MLC (Medicao Legal Cases) and trauma related cases shall not be given Bring any one of the required documents: Aadhar card, Voter ID, Driving License Ration Card, Pan Card, Passport and other govt. valid ID proof.

Administrator
Narayana Nethralaya Hospital
Indiranagar, Bengaluru- 560038

POSSESSION NOTICE
[under rule -8(1)]
(for Immovable property)

Whereas

The undersigned being the authorised officer of the Manipal Housing Finance Syndicate Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002 issued a demand notice dated 05/04/2019 calling upon the borrowers Mr. Prabhakara Muchalambe and Mrs. Sujatha Muchalambe repay the amount mentioned in the notice being ₹ 52,54,077/- (Rupees Fifty Two lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Seventy Seven Only) with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and public in general that the under signed has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rules on this1st day of July 2021.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of sec. 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Manipal Housing Finance Syndicate Limited for an amount of ₹52,54,077/- and interest thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No. 187. Khata No. 187 in 5th stage formed in S.No. 13, in the layout formed by the Kirloskr Electric Co Employees Co-operative Housing Society Ltd., admeasuring 1200 sq.ft situatd at Shidedahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli ,Dasarahalli, Bagalakunte 14 Ward, Bengaluru North Tq and bounded by East: Site No.188, West: Site No. 186, North: Site No. 202 and South: Road.

For MANIPAL HOUSING FINANCE SYNDICATE LIMITED
'MANIPAL HOUSE', MANIPAL- 576104
Sd/-
AUTHORISED OFFICER

Date : 01/07/2021
Place : Bengaluru

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Notice U/s. 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assts and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as ACT r/w Rule 3(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

To

1) M/s Ziowear Apparels Private Limited, a Pvt. Ltd. company having its Regd. Office at: No.1398, 41st Main, Kanakapura Road, J P Nagar 1st Phase, Bangalore – 560083. Email Id: ziowearapparels@gmail.com

2) Smt. Bindu Kumar, W/o. Kumar, No.6/3, 1st Street, Raja Rajeswari Nagar, Kolathur, Chennai – 600 099.

3) Smt. Preetha G., W/o Gopakumar Divakaran, No.6/3, 1st Street, Raja Rajeswari Nagar, Kolathur, Chennai – 600 099

4) Sri Krupanand Vallamkondu alias Vallamkondu Krupanand, S/o. S S Vallamkondu, No. 2/574, Balaji Nagar, Proddatur, Cuddapah, Andhra Pradesh – 516 360.

5) Sri Pavan Kumar V., S/o. Vijay Kumar, Balagurumurthy, No. 31/91, Matha Aravinda Nilaya, 5th Main, 5th Block, Near Raja Lakshmi Mantapa, Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560 041.

6) Sri Madesh K., S/o Kannan, No. 1459, 2nd Stage, 2nd Phase, 17th B Main Road, J P Nagar, Bangalore – 560 078.

7) Sri V Divakaran, S/o. Achuthan V., No. 6/3, 1st Street, Raja Rajeswari Nagar, Kolathur, Chennai – 600 099.

8) Smt. Jaya, W/o. V Divakaran , No. 6/3, 1st Street, Raja Rajeswari Nagar, Kolathur, Chennai – 600 099.

No.1 among you being the Principal Borrower and No. 2 to No. 8 among you as Guarantors , availed a CCOL limit of Rs.2,00,00,000.00, ECLGS limit of Rs.40,00,000.00 and FITL Covid Moratorium limit of Rs.12,14,000.00 from THE SOUTH INDIAN BANK LIMITED, having its registered office at 'SIB House', T B Road, Thrissur – 01, Kerala and one of its Regional Offices at SIB Arcade, # 61, Wheeler Road, Cox Town, Bangalore-560005 and one of its Branches at Marathahalli – No. 9, 2nd Cross, Lakshmi Layout, Vijaya Parvathi Complex Munnekolala Main Road, Marathahalli, Bangalore – 560 037 by executing necessary documents / acknowledging the debt & security on 17.10.2018 / 07.08.2019 as to CCOL limit, on 19.06.2020 as to ECLGS limit and on 25.08.2020 as to FITL Covid Moratorium limit and is secured by the assets scheduled below (hereinafter referred to as Secured Assets.)

The said accounts were classified as Non Performing Assets in our accounts on 24.03.2021 with effect from 26.01.2021 and we had issued notice under S.13(2) of the Act on 26.05.2021 demanding payment from No. 1 among you as Principal Borrower and No. 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8 among you as Guarantors / Mortgagors for a total sum of Rs.2,65,27,456.66, being Rs.2,11,96,543.10 as to CCOL limit, Rs.11,08,634.91 as to FITL Covid Moratorium limit and Rs.42,22,278.65 as to ECLGS limit, all amounts as on 25.05.2021, plus further interest and costs within 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice. Further, we have also demanded from No. 3 and No. 6 among you as Guarantors a total sum of Rs.2,23,05,178.01 being Rs.2,11,96,543.10 as to CCOL limit and Rs.11,08,634.91 as to FITL Covid Moratorium limit, both amount as on 25.05.2021 plus further interest and costs within 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice. However, as No.1, No. 5 and No. 6 among you have avoided service of the said notice, this public notice is issued pursuant to Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Hence, you are hereby called upon by this notice to discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days of this notice, failing which, we shall, without any further reference, be constrained to enforce the secured assets scheduled below by exercising all or any of the rights given under Section 13(4) of the said Act.

You may further note that as per Section 13(13) of the ACT, you are restrained / prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the below security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the below secured assets, without our prior written consent. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to the South Indian Bank Ltd., against the borrowers and the guarantor as per law.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE A

All that current assets including stock of the Company, stored at the above address or anywhere else.

SCHEDULE B

Item No. 1 : All that piece and parcel of land bearing Plot No. 15 part, measuring on the Northern and Southern side 25 feet 5 inches each, Eastern side 46 feet and Western Side 48 feet, totally adm. 1198.5 sq.ft. along with other usufructs and improvements thereon in Modern Hi-Tech City, Thirupathy Nagar, Jawahar Street, comprised in Paimash No. 213, R.S. No. 131/4 and 131/5, T.S. No. 87/1, Block No. 36 in Kolathur village, Purasawalkam Perambur Taluk now Ayanavaram Taluk owned by Sri Pavan Kumar V vide Sale Deed no. 2659/2016 dated 14.07.2016 of SRO Sembium and bounded on the North : By houses, South : By 20 feet Road, East : By Plot No. 15 part and West : By Plot No. 8.

Item No. 2 : All that piece and parcel of land bearing Plot No. 15 part, measuring on the Northern and Southern side 54 feet 5 inches each, Eastern side 42 feet and Western side 46 feet, totally adm. 2398 sq.ft. along with other usufructs and improvements thereon in Modern Hi-Tech City, Thirupathy Nagar, Jawahar Street, comprised in Paimash No. 213, R.S. No. 131/4 and 131/5, T.S. No. 87/1, Block No. 36 in Kolathur village, Purasawalkam Perambur Taluk now Ayanavaram Taluk owned by Sri Vallam Kondu Krupanand vide Sale Deed no. 2660/2016 dated 14.07.2016 of SRO Sembium and bounded on the North : By houses, South : By 20 feet Road, East : By Plot No. 15 part and West : By Plot No. 15 part.

Item No. 3 : All that piece and parcel of land bearing Plot No.3 adm. 1602 sq.ft. (layout approval no. L.P.D.M/DDTP No. 357/73) along with building bearing Door No.6, Raja Rajeswari Nagar, 1st Street, Kolathur, Chennai wherein Ground Floor with an extent of 1000 sq.ft., First Floor with an extent of 1000 sq.ft., Second Floor with an extent of 900 sq.ft., and other usufructs and improvements thereon in Old S No. 44, then S.No.44/1 part, as per Patta No. 2280, New S.No.44/4, T.S. No. 195 situated at Kolathur village, Ayanavaram Taluk (formerly Perambur – Purasawalkam Taluk), Chennai District owned by Smt. Bindu Kumar (wherein Sri V Divakaran and Smt. Jaya being the life interest holders) vide Settlement Deed no.2886/2016 dated 08.09.2016 of SRO Sembium and bounded on the North : By Plot No. 2 (New Door no.4), South : By Plot No.4, Door No. 7, Mandralayam Manchi Nivas, East : By Raja Rajeswari Nagar 1st Street and West : By Door no. 25B, Thirumurugan Nagar belong to Mr. E Bharathi.

Sd/-
AUTHORISED OFFICER
(CHIEF MANAGER)

Place : Bangalore
Date : 03.07.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sudha .B, W/o. Nagaraj .L.B, aged about 43 years, R/at Lakkondahalli Village, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, is intending to purchase the Schedule property from its owner Mrs. Parijatha. B.K, W/o. Udaya Kumar, aged about 43 years, R/at. No. 12, Old Extension, Old Madras Road, K.R. Puram, Bangalore-560036 for valuable Consideration. Any persons having any rights/claims/objections/Minor Claims, in respect of the schedule property are here by requested to send their objections to the above mentioned address within 7 days, from the receipt of this public notice. If no objections are forth coming within 7 days, my client shall get executed sale deed in her favour.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Eastern Portion of Site No.1, Khata No. 181, formed in Property No. 27, situated at Varanasi @ Jinkethimmanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, previously Bangalore South Taluk, now Bangalore East Taluk, Now comes under the limits of BBMP Bangalore, measuring East to West (28+0)/2 feet and North to South 52 Feet in all measuring 728 feet. Bounded on :- East by: Private Property, West by: Remaining Western Portion of Site No. 1, North by : Private Property, South by: Road.

Manjunath Reddy, B.A., LLB.,
Smt. T.Shobha Reddy, B.Sc., LLB.,
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To

1) M/s Float Food and Beverages, a partnership firm represented by its partners being Sri Naveen Kumar K, Sri P Krishna and others, having office at: No. 7M - 424, HRBR Layout, 1st Block, Banaswadi Bangalore-560 043

2) Sri. Prabhakar Naidu, S/o Sri. P Ethirajulu Naidu, No. 1-9, Singiri Gunta, Aminigunta, Chowdepalle, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh – 517 257 Also at : Flat no. 406, B M Sharanite Apartments, 24th Main, 2nd Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore – 560 104.

3) Sri. J Muralidhar S/o. Sri G Janarthanan, No. 695, 7th Main, 9th Cross, HAL 2nd Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560 008

4) Sri. G K Rajagopal Naidu, S/o. Sri G Krishnam Naidu, No. 401, SLV, Uniworth Classic, 4th Block, HBR Layout, Bangalore - 560 043. Also at: Flat No. D-0902, 09th Floor, Classic Royale Garden Apartment, No.24, HBR Layout, Hennur, Bangalore – 560 077.

5) Sri. P Krishna S/o Sri Muniswamy Naidu, Flat No. 401, Vasanthi Sunshine Apts, Near Ananda Nilya Apts, AECS Layout, 'A' Block, Chinnappanahalli, Bangalore– 560 037

6) Sri. Naveen Kumar K., S/o Sri Srinivasalu Naidu No. 2-149, Mekana Jumanapalli, Vanamaladinne, Punganur, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh – 517 247. Also at : No. F10, Sumadhura Shangrilla, Basava Nagar, Hoodi, Bangalore – 560 048.

7) Sri. Ramesh S., S/o. Sri Shanmugam Sadperi Natesh, No. 66/1, Osborne Road, Cantonment, Sivanchetty Garden, Bangalore– 560 042.

No.1 among you being the Principal Borrower and No. 2 to No. 7 among you as Guarantors , availed a Term Loan (Building) limit of Rs.1,45,00,000.00 from THE SOUTH INDIAN BANK LIMITED, having its registered office at 'SIB House', T B Road, Thrissur – 01, Kerala and one of its Regional Offices at SIB Arcade, # 61, Wheeler Road, Cox Town, Bangalore - 560005 and one of its Branches at Bangalore Cox Town – No. 61, Ground Floor, SIB Arcade, Wheeler Road, Cox Town, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560 005 by executing necessary documents on 18.05.2018 and is secured by the assets scheduled below (hereinafter referred to as Secured Assets.)

The said account was classified as Non Performing Asset in our accounts on 24.03.2021 with effect from 20.12.2020 and we had issued notice under S.13(2) of the Act on 11.05.2021 demanding payment of Rs.1,50,98,089.86 (Rupees One Crore Fifty Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand and Eighty Nine and eighty six paise only) as on 10.05.2021, plus further interest and costs within 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice. However, as No.1 and No. 4 among you have avoided service of the said notice, this public notice is issued pursuant to Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Hence, you are hereby called upon by this notice to discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days of this notice, failing which, we shall, without any further reference, be constrained to enforce the secured assets scheduled below by exercising all or any of the rights given under Section 13(4) of the said Act.

You may further note that as per Section 13(13) of the ACT, you are restrained / prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the below security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the below secured assets, without our prior written consent. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to the South Indian Bank Ltd., against the borrowers and the guarantor as per law.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE

Item 01 : All that piece and parcel of the 02 Bedroom Residential Apartment bearing No. 414 on the Fourth Floor of the apartment building "Purvi Pride" having super built-up area of 1170 sq.ft. with 418.43 sq.ft. of undivided share of land along with one covered car parking space, constructed on Property bearing Municipal No. 569/161/14 of converted lands in Sy No. 161 of Gunjur Village, Varthur Hobli, within the limits of BBMP, BBMP Ward no. 149, Bangalore owned by Sri. Prabhakar Naidu P vide Sale Deed No. 17536/17-18 dated 07.03.2018 of SRO Shivajinagar (Banaswadi) and bounded on the North : By remaining portion of Sy. No. 161, South : By remaining portion of Sy. No. 161, East : By Property bearing Sy. No 162 and remaining portion of Sy. No. 161 and West by Road.

Item 02 : All that piece and parcel of the 02 Bedroom Residential Apartment bearing No. 010 on the Ground Floor of the apartment building "Purvi Pride" having super built-up area of 1130 sq.ft. with 404.13 sq.ft. of undivided share of land along with one covered car parking space, constructed on Property bearing Municipal No. 569/161/14 of converted lands in Sy No. 161 of Gunjur Village, Varthur Hobli, within the limits of BBMP, BBMP Ward no. 149, Bangalore owned by Sri. P Krishna vide Sale Deed No. 17539/17-18 dated 07.03.2018 of SRO Shivajinagar (Banaswadi) and bounded on the North : By remaining portion of Sy. No. 161, South : By remaining portion of Sy. No. 161, East : By Property bearing Sy. No 162 and remaining portion of Sy. No. 161 and West by Road.

Item No. 3 : All that piece and parcel of vacant land admeasuring 15 guntas of converted lands in Sy. No. 206/23 (Portion of Old Sy. No. 206/19, still earlier No. 206/2, of Hoskote Village), situated at Hoskote village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District owned by Sri Naveen Kumar K vide , Sale Deed No. 862/17-18 dated 28.04.2017 of SRO Hosakote, Bangalore and bounded on the North : by Lands of Smt. Sharadamma, South : by Property of Sri. H G Ravi and Road and thereafter land belonging to Sri Vasudev, East by Remaining lands in same Sy No. and West by Road and Property of Sri H G Ravi.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 03.07.2021

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To

1) M/s Luxus Carz (a partnership firm Represented by its partners Smt. Ramya Srihari and Smt. Mekala Paramasivam) No.G 05, ND Sunspurge Apartments 12th Main, 6th Cross, HSR Layout, Bangalore -560102 Also at: #321, 5th Main, 4th Avenue, Teachers Colony, Venkatapura, Koramangala-560034

2) Smt. Ramya Srihari alias Smt. Ramya M R W/o Srihari K V, Partner -M/s Luxus Carz, #94, 2nd Main, Annapoorneswari Layout, Chunchugugatte, Bangalore-560062

3) Smt. Mekala Paramasivam alias P Mekala W/o Senthilnathan V Partner -M/s Luxus Carz No.G 05, ND Sunspurge Apartments 12th Main, 6th Cross, HSR Layout, Bangalore -560102

No.1 among you represented by No. 2 and No. 3 among you as Principal Borrowers availed Mobiloan limits as mentioned below and ECLGS limit of Rs.11,41,876.00 from THE SOUTH INDIAN BANK LIMITED, having its registered office at 'SIB House', T B Road, Thrissur – 01, Kerala and one of its Regional Offices at SIB Arcade, # 61, Wheeler Road, Cox Town, Bangalore-560005 and one of its Branches at Bangalore Yeswanthpur - K N N Complex, Door Hmt Main Road , Mathikere, Bangalore Urban-560054 by executing necessary documents / acknowledging the debt and security on dates mentioned below and is secured by the assets scheduled below (hereinafter referred to as Secured Assets).

Nature of facility	Limit	Date of Document	Balance as on 26.05.2021
Mobi Loan-I	Rs.8,20,000/-	15.03.2018	Rs.6,72,936.19
Mobi Loan-II	Rs.8,20,000/-	15.03.2018	Rs.6,71,967.82
Mobi Loan-III	Rs.8,20,000/-	15.03.2018	Rs.6,72,634.19
Mobi Loan-IV	Rs.8,20,000/-	15.03.2018	Rs.6,72,637.19
Mobi Loan-V	Rs.8,20,000/-	15.03.2018	Rs.6,72,648.56
Mobi Loan-VI	Rs.8,20,000/-	15.03.2018	Rs.6,72,694.21
Mobi Loan-VII	Rs.8,20,000/-	15.03.2018	Rs.6,72,636.19
Mobi Loan-VIII	Rs.8,20,000/-	15.03.2018	Rs.6,72,694.21
Mobi Loan-IX	Rs.8,20,000/-	15.03.2018	Rs.6,72,637.19
Mobi Loan-X	Rs.8,20,000/-	15.03.2018	Rs.6,72,694.21
ECLGS	Rs.11,41,876/-	22.06.2020	Rs.12,06,500.37

** - As to all the Mobiloans mentioned above, further interest @ 12.40% per annum with monthly rests and penal interest @ 2% per annum from 19.05.2021 is charged on the said accounts. As to the ECLGS limit, further interest @8.65% per annum with monthly rests and penal interest @ 2% per annum from 01.05.2021 is charged.*

The said accounts were classified as Non Performing Assets in our accounts on 24.03.2021 with effect from 18.12.2020 and we had issued notice under S.13(2) of the Act on 27.05.2021 demanding payment of a total amount of Rs. 79,32,680.33 (Rupees Seventy Nine Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty and thirty three paise only) as on 26.05.2021 as to the aforesaid accounts, plus further interest and costs within 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice. However, as No. 1 & No. 2 of you have avoided service of the said notice, this public notice is issued pursuant to Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Hence, you are hereby called upon by this notice to discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days of this notice, failing which, we shall, without any further reference, be constrained to enforce the secured assets scheduled below by exercising all or any of the rights given under Section 13(4) of the said Act.

You may further note that as per Section 13(13) of the ACT, you are restrained / prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the below security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the below secured assets, without our prior written consent. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to the South Indian Bank Ltd., against the borrowers and the guarantor as per law.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE

The below mentioned vehicles are in the name of M/s Luxus Carz and all are registered before RT Office- Electronic City, Bangalore

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Place : Bangalore
Date : 03.07.2021

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₹62,664 cr — The total government spending on various subsidies in the first two months of 2021-22

Smarter way to handle finance for youth!

Neo-banking apps, brokerage platforms coming up to cater to the personal finance needs of millennials and GenZ

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

UNTIL some years back, a student would rely on her parents for pocket money expenses or a traditional bank for supporting higher studies. However, with the advent of fintech revolution, India's young population in the age group of 18-35 years is increasingly turning towards instant loan/ investment apps to meet their financial needs using smartphones. Over the past five years especially, hundreds of fintech service providers have come up targeting the GeZ and millennials for addressing their personal finance concerns ranging from availing loans to buy a new gadget to opening trading accounts.

The pandemic has accelerated digital as well as financial literacy, top fintech analysts say. With a lot of people losing their jobs, facing salary cuts, an alternative source of income is being considered as an imperative, which has in turn fuelled the further growth of these new-age fintech applications.

Take the case of Ratan Tata-backed brokerage start-up Upstox. The platform has seen a 3x growth in the number of customers during 2020-21 with a total userbase now at 4 million. "Of Upstox's total customer base, 80% are between the age group of 18-36 years, and around 70% are first-time investors. We have witnessed the maximum number of first-time investors," said Ravi Kumar, co-founder and CEO, Upstox.

Compared to investment banking or asset management companies (AMCs), the digital-first companies like Upstox and other players, including Zerodha and Groww, offer convenience, more product offerings as well as reduced costs to customers, which goes hand-in-hand with educating the newbies.

These apps and fintech platforms enhance accessibility to financial products and make investment or managing funds simpler and easier. With Aadhaar-enabled KYC process, onboarding of customers through these platforms are fully digital. Big data and data analysis empower them to offer customised financial products to their customers.

"Being digital-first in everything we do is in our DNA, and it really helps us grow and build a rich user experience. We have been growing at a rapid pace, mainly due to our products and a customer-first approach. Today, customers are well-aware of how to identify a high-quality service that meets their needs and gives them a seamless experience," Kumar added.

Agrees Aditya Damani, Founder of Creditfair which offers low-cost, unsecured loans to customers at point of sale for purchase across sectors like health, education, automotives and electronics. "Micro loans given to individuals via lending apps have given access to credit to many such underserved customers. For microfinance customers who take joint liability loans, lending apps by banks and microfinance institutions have given convenience of digital repayments. Especially during this pandemic many migrants who chose to set up small businesses have been greatly benefitted," he noted.

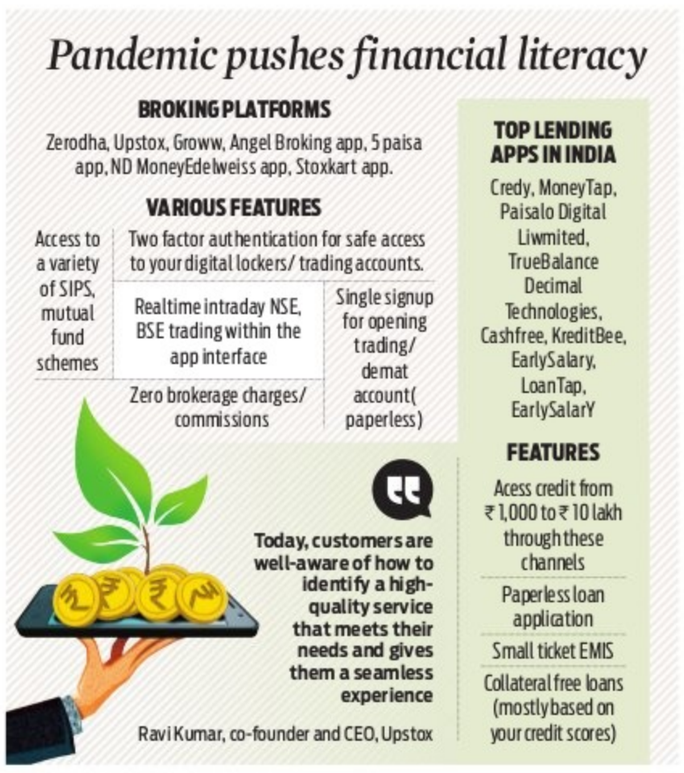
With the unbanked population in India at nearly 200 million, the market opportunity for the neobanks, which are mostly non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), is huge. Gurgaon-based fintech start-up Fyp last month announced the pre-launch signing-up of their money management product for the GenZ segment between the age group of 11-18 years. The neo bank will go online by the end of July but it has already started getting traction among the target audience, which also includes young parents between the age group of 35-45. The startup claims to change the pocket money management concept in India and helps parents make their kids develop financial literacy concept and become financially independent at an early age.

By using the Fyp app, kids can do all financial transactions, both online and offline, securely through the Fyp app and Fyp Prepaid Card.

Safety first

However, the down-side of these mushrooming neobanks has alarmed the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as well as tech giant Google which earlier this year removed hundreds of such apps from its Play Store, finding them violating the firm's safety policies. Some of the lending apps were also caught in the police net recently when cases of death by suicide of borrowers emerged, with their families alleging that the lenders subjected them to social humiliation as well as exploitation on non-payment of dues.

"The credit gap can be fulfilled by nimble-footed fintech start-ups towards empowering the end consumers. But unfortunately the cost has been prohibitive and the collection practices were questionable. Lending during pandemic has its own challenges, and it has become increasingly crucial since the pandemic started and feet on street driven collections became difficult. That leads to a bad debt," said Damani.


Pandemic pushes financial literacy
BROKING PLATFORMS
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VARIOUS FEATURES
Access to a variety of SIPS, mutual fund schemes
Two factor authentication for safe access to your digital lockers/ trading accounts.
Realtime intraday NSE, BSE trading within the app interface
Single signup for opening trading/ demat account(paperless)
Zero brokerage charges/ commissions
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TOP LENDING APPS IN INDIA
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FEATURES
Acess credit from ₹1,000 to ₹10 lakh through these channels
Paperless loan application
Small ticket EMIS
Collateral free loans (mostly based on your credit scores)

MONEY-WISE

WILL MY INSURANCE COMPANY PAY OFF ALL THE CLAIMS?

I saw a thread on social media where a life insurance company was being criticised for seeking details from the employer of the deceased.

The argument was that "the employer did not pay the premium so he has no role to play".

Please understand that life insurance is a social business where a group of us have got together a mechanism for risk transfer. If people make wrong and false claims, the social cost of insurance will go up.

Let us get to the basics. If you want any insurance (in this case life insurance) you must fill the form yourself and be totally truthful. When you lie on the life insurance proposal form, you are lying to your dependants. The life insurance company will just not pay the claim amount. This is the worst thing that you can do to your family. This is like cheating your family. Every question should be answered properly, truthfully, and should not be ignored. Questions like caste, marital status, whether a parent died before the age of 65 are important and should be filled honestly.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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Let's take an example. If a person takes a lifence policy without mentioning that he has diabetes. Let us say in 6 months he dies of a road accident, will the claim be paid? In the same example if he dies in a plane crash, will the claim be paid?

Well, in case of a road accident there will be a post mortem and it will reveal that he had diabetes - blood sugar. The insurance company can (and will) put forward an argument that diabetes impacted his eyesight and he did not see the truck in good time. However, the plane crash claim will be paid in full - there is not likely to be any post mortem, right?

When a person fills an insurance form he is only proposing. The insurance company sees the details and decides whether to convert the "proposal" to a "contract". This means there can be no lie in the form. When the life insurance company gets suspicious about a pre-existing illness, they do have a right to seek more details. If they feel that the "policy holder" has lied in the form, they are likely to scream "fraud" and refuse to part with the money.

When a person takes a life insurance policy, the policy writer (the insurer) has full rights to access your past medical records. So if a person has had a longer track record of some illness, the life insurance company will investigate the past. This could mean talking to your family doctor, friends, colleagues. In some cases, they even appoint investigation agencies to help them.

Insurance companies even access clients' general insurance details, where he may have made some illness related claims.

Tips for policy holders to avoid trouble: Fill in the life insurance form in your own handwriting and be truthful. Also, make sure that the copy of the form filled in by you is attached along with the policy document and pay premiums 10 days in advance.

Avoid resentment towards SAVING AND INVESTING

RAJAS KELKAR

SAVING and investing for the future is often thought of as an exercise to be done when you have lots of money. Many of you who have started work recently believe of it as a sacrifice of happiness in the present.

Financial advisors or elders in the family are quick to ask you to curb spending now for a better financial future. They may ask you to save money wherever possible. They will ask you to avoid spending on that coffee at your favourite cafe.

The grouse is that you enjoy a cuppa with your mates at the café. Some of you may love going out on biking trips to new places or travel to different cities. For you, these are small joys of life.

The youth in you fights with the maturity needed to hold back impulsive spending and save. That creates a sense of resentment towards saving money and investing.

This column does not offer financial advice. But, it can indeed urge you not to resent saving and investing.

You can turn your dreams into financial goals. To achieve these goals, you must invest. The more you do it when young, the better.

Plan your spending

That may sound strange. However, it is possible to work on that. For a month, you can put your discretionary spending on hold. It is the money you can avoid spending. Non-discretionary spending is the one on essentials like food supplies, rent and other consumables.

Then, you should make a list of things you like to do in terms of spending as a first step. You can then create a priority list. Once that is done, put it aside.

You can then look at the money left after you take care of your essentials. If you are consistently saving more, pat yourself on the back. You need to then look at putting these savings to use.

Start a mutual fund systematic investment plan (SIP) or open a National Pension Scheme or NPS account.

Make a beginning, even if it is with a minimum amount. For those who have enough surplus, you must determine an investible surplus. You can then divide that amount into two parts. The first part is for the short-term goals like creating an emergency fund, buying a car or a gadget. The second part is for the long-term goals like buying a house or retirement.

Once you shepherd your surplus money into the investment world, you can use the balance for that cup of coffee or other activities. Spending money after allocating money for your investments is a good habit to teach yourself early in life.

Preparing yourself

If you have just started work, start saving first. Unless you have a monthly surplus, there can be no investment.

There are only two ways to create a surplus. You can either increase your income or cut your expenses. You can do both, if possible, for a better outcome.

If you are in a profession where remote working is possible, and your skill is valuable, you must negotiate contracts. Ensure that working from home does not mean you work for less than 45-50 hours a week. Your priority should be to earn enough to compensate for the effort you put.

The changing world due to the pandemic has practically made everyone a gig worker. As you move towards multiple jobs, avoid using a credit card. Revolving credit in times like these could prove expensive. You must avoid taking high-cost personal loans or borrowing money from unreliable sources. When you get easy money, it is very tempting. There are convenient equated monthly instalments, or EMI offers for your favourite gadgets.

Borrowing for spending is not a good idea. The latest Reserve Bank of India Financial Stability Report says that personal loans grew by 35.5% in the quarter to March 2021. That is against 11.3% growth from the quarter to March 2020, just before the nationwide lockdown. That means you are increasingly relying on consumer loans to satisfy your impulse purchases. Borrowing to create an asset like a home or a car is fine. However, borrowing to spend on a new laptop you can do without or on holiday you do not need could set you back in your effort to save and invest.

You can plan for these expenses a year down the line after committing yourself to an investment path.

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

INCREASE INCOME OR CUT EXPENSESS

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TODAY'S STOCK PICK

BRITANNIA

Current Price ₹3,552

Target Price ₹4,450

Disclaimer: The views and recommendations made above are that of the individual analyst or broking company, and not that of *TNIE*

The structural story for BRIT remains strong, especially aided by direct reach expansion to ~2.4 mn outlets (second best after HUVR) and further investment in IT infrastructure as highlighted in 4QFY21. The market share improvement for eight consecutive years will continue as the company widens its moats over peers. The valuation is attractive compared to its historical average.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

EXPRESS READ

FPIs invest ₹13,269 cr in Indian markets

New Delhi: In reversal of a two-month selling trend, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) in June turned out to be net buyers by investing net `13,269 crore in Indian markets. This could be attributed to improvement in investor sentiments on the back of consistently falling coronavirus cases in the country and hopes of an early opening of the economy, said Morningstar India Associate Director (Manager Research) Himanshu Srivastava.

Pandemic or not, M&As soar 44% to $49.34 bn

Mumbai: Despite the second wave of Covid-19 scuppering normal life, the deal street was busy in the first half of 2021, closing 44% more deals worth $49.34 billion than in the same period in 2020 that was also ravaged by the first wave of the killer viral infections, shows an industry report. Deal volume grew 5% to 730 from 693 a year ago, according to the latest data from Refinitiv, the LSE Group arm that is into financial markets data.

Two IPOs to hit equity market next week, aim to raise more than ₹2,500 cr

NEW DELHI : Two companies Clean Science and Technology and GR Infraprojects are headed to the market with their initial share-sale offers next week to raise a little over ₹2,500 crore cumulatively.

The companies are expecting to benefit from an equity market, which is swarmed with liquidity and a sharp increase in the number of new retail investors.

This comes after five companies Shyam Metalics and Energy, Sona BLW Precision Forgings (Sona Comstar), Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Dodla Dairy and Indian Pesticides launched their initial public offers last month. These firms collectively raised ₹9,923 cr.

The three-day IPOs of Clean Science and Technology and GR Infraprojects will open for public subscription on July 7 and conclude on July 9. The bidding for anchor investors will open on July 6, data with exchanges showed.

The two firms will together garner a total of ₹2,510 crore through IPOs. Shares of the companies will be listed on the BSE and the NSE.

Clean Science and Technology's ₹1,546.62-crore IPO is entirely an offer for sale (OFS) by existing promoters and other shareholders.

Speciality chemical manufacturer has fixed a price band of ₹880-900 a share for its IPO. GR Infraprojects, which has fixed a price band of ₹828-837 a share for its IPO, will fetch ₹963.28 crore at the upper end of the price band.

The offer includes an employee reservation portion as well. *PTI*

Stock market likely to see recovery, say analysts

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EVEN as the stock market started last week on a positive note, it ended up losing about 1% of its value during the week. Nifty closed the Friday session at 15,722.67 while Sensex ended at 52,484.67.

"It was probably the dullest week in last fifteen months our markets have experienced. Barring Friday, stock specific moves were also missing throughout this week which was frustrating for momentum traders," said Sameet Chavan, Chief Analyst-Technical and Derivatives, at Angel Broking.

New Covid-19 variants a concern for traders

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According to analysts, key factors that may shape market movement this week are Covid-19 cases and vaccination, foreign portfolio investment (FPI), earnings for Q1FY21 and IPOs.

"In the medium term, we expect FPI flows to India to remain strong, driven by recovery in growth. Positive export outlook led by a revival in the global economy coupled with low interest rates in the domestic market is expected to augur well for India. Besides decline in Covid cases and vaccination drive, expectations of increased consumer spending and normal monsoon rainfall is likely to drive the domestic demand. Also, we expect the upcoming festive season to boost the domestic demand," said Shrikant Chouhan, Executive Vice President, Equity Technical Research, at Kotak Securities.

However, Gaurav Garg, Head of Research at CapitalVia Global Research, said that the emergence of new Covid-19 variant is a worry for the market."Albeit the central government is working hard to vaccinate the maximum number of people, the rise of the new Delta variant has become a source of concern in recent days, leading traders to book partial profits," he said.

Max power: Verstappen wins to extend C'ship lead

Max Verstappen reeled off his third win in a row from pole in the Austrian Grand Prix on Sunday to consolidate his world championship lead over Lewis Hamilton who after finishing fourth said his toiling Mercedes team were "miles away from Red Bull". Hamilton's Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas took second with McLaren's Lando Norris settling for the third spot.

FLUENT ENGLISH

Captain Kane scores double as Three Lions put up polished display to outclass Ukraine 4-0, set up last-four clash against Denmark

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ENGLAND is going back home — with something to play for.

Harry Kane scored twice and England overwhelmed Ukraine 4-0 Saturday to reach the European Championship semifinals. It was the only match of Euro 2020 that England had to play away from Wembley Stadium and it was the team's most dominant performance of the tournament. "I've said it all along it's all about peaking for the right time," Kane said.

Harry Maguire and Jordan Henderson also scored as England kept a clean sheet for the fifth straight match. It marked the first time that England scored four goals in the knockout stage of a major tournament since beating West Germany 4-2 in the 1966 World Cup final.

England now goes back to London to face Denmark on Wednesday. The Danes beat the Czech Republic 2-1 in Baku.

"We've got a semifinal at Wembley. ... What a moment for us as a team, as a nation. It's there for us, it's an opportunity for us. We have to grab it with both hands," Kane said.

Italy will face Spain in the other semifinal match on Tuesday, with the final next weekend also to be played at Wembley. The last time England made it to the last four of the European Championship was in 1996. But the bigger goal at this point is to duplicate the success of the 1966 England team that won the World Cup on home soil.

Kane scored England's first in the fourth minute, using one touch to redirect a through ball from Raheem Sterling for his second goal in as many matches. England also scored early in the second half after Kane was fouled about 10 seconds. A free kick from Luke Shaw set up a header from Maguire. Four minutes later, Kane got his second by heading in another cross from Shaw on a play that included a backheel pass from Sterling as England dazzled. After failing to score in the group stage, Kane now has three goals in two matches after also scoring in the 2-0 win over Germany in the last 16.

England's Harry Kane scores the opening goal against Ukraine during their quarterfinal clash in Rome, on Saturday | AP

"Sometimes as a striker it falls your way, sometimes it doesn't," Kane said. "That's just part and parcel of being a striker." Kane won the Golden Boot with six goals the 2018 World Cup, when England also reached the semifinals. He exited to a standing ovation at the Stadio Olimpico when he came off midway through the second half. Henderson's goal also came with a header as Ukraine's defenders had no answers to England's aerial prowess.

Focus on Djokovic and Federer on Monday

AFP @ London

NOVAK Djokovic and Roger Federer headline 'Manic Monday' at Wimbledon with the two Grand Slam heavyweights looking to edge closer to a dream title showdown. World No 1 Djokovic, chasing a sixth Wimbledon title and record-equalling 20th Major, is already halfway to becoming just the third man to complete a calendar Grand Slam.

The Serb faces Cristian Garin of Chile while eight-time champion Federer takes on Italy's Lorenzo Sonego. Chilean 17th seed Cristian Garin had never previously won a main draw match at the tournament before this year. Federer, five weeks shy of his 40th birthday, is in the Wimbledon last 16 for 18th time. In all, it will be his 69th appearance in the fourth round of a Slam but he was quick to salute Djokovic's achievements. "It's just very, very impressive to see what he's doing this year," said Federer.

Second seed Daniil Medvedev staged a stunning comeback from two sets down to beat Marin Cilic and make the fourth round for the first time. Medvedev faces Polish 14th seed Hubert Hurkacz. Sebastian Korda, whose father Petr made the quarterfinals in 1998, celebrates his 21st birthday on Monday. He can reach the quartersfinals of a Slam for the first time by beating Karen Khachanov.

Women's World No 1 Ashleigh Barty, trying to win the title 50 years on from fellow indigenous Australian Evonne Goolagong Cawley's maiden crown, tackles French Open winner Barbora Krejcikova.

Big omissions in domestic calendar raise questions

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

AS the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) released its upcoming domestic calendar on Saturday, there were big omissions too. The Duleep Trophy and Deodhar Trophy missed space in the calendar and the BCCI did not reveal why it chose to leave out the two tournaments and the Irani Cup for the 2021/22 season that begins in September.

Duleep Trophy and Deodhar Trophy, initially made up of zonal teams (North, South, West, East & Central) which has undergone several changes in the format, have been regular fixtures in the domestic calendar since they were introduced in 1961 and 1973. For all the talk of these meets losing relevance, it remains a popular one among the domestic players, as it gives them the chance to battle with the best in the country.

The omission from the calendar this time doesn't come as a surprise. Especially because the men's calendar had to be cut short to accommodate the IPL. With the suspended IPL slotted for September-October, apart from sacrificing bilateral series that would have helped Team India get ample matches to fine-tune their 15 for the T20 World Cup, it is also eating into the men's domestic calendar. With the men's season beginning only in October and the need to slot Ranji Trophy and Vijay Hazare Trophy means that the BCCI has only a little over five months to complete the season. Logistics aside, there have been signs in the past of these tournaments being left out. Most notably during 2017/18 season, the BCCI scrapped the Duleep Trophy. Fingers were pointed at the CoA, who were running the BCCI then, and following backlash and the uproar of Sourav Ganguly, who was heading the technical committee, the tournament was added to the calendar. However, unlike then, there isn't a whisper now when the former India captain is heading the BCCI.

So which brings us to the point, is Duleep Trophy losing its relevance? The answer would be an emphatic no. Since being converted into a three-team event (India Blue, India Red and India Green), the national selectors have been handpicking the top 45 players in the country. If the decision to play the 2019-20 season with the red ball over pink brought criticism, it now finds itself totally ignored.

Had BCCI slotted the event with the pink ball, it would have provided those waiting in the wings a chance to get familiar with it. More so, when pink-ball Tests are going to be a regular fixture in India's international home season.

With India's A-team programme, which has played a huge role in the national team's ascendency to the top also suspended because of the pandemic and showing no signs of resuming, the Duleep Trophy would have also helped the selectors keep an eye on the fringe players. Ditto with the women's domestic season, where the multi-day tournament is missing despite the fact that the national team is slated to play a Test in each bilateral series going forward.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Realistic goal in Tokyo is to cut down my timing by 0.5 secs, says Sajan

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

FOR the last couple of years, one of the main objectives of the elite swimmers in India, including Sajan Prakash, was to achieve the elusive Olympic Qualifying Time (A-mark).

It finally came true for the Kerala man, who achieved the landmark in the qualifying event in Rome last month. Following his historic feat, even Srihari Nataraj made the A mark. Now, Sajan is eyeing another major goal which is to reach the semifinals in Tokyo and even get to the finals if things go well.

Sajan, who plans to leave for Tokyo on 18th of this month, has around 20 days to prepare for the Games. During this period, he wants to concentrate on smaller details. "Now, it is about working on the small things — some skill work, working on the turns, increasing more distance on that one stroke so that I reach the wall quicker and get the turns, something like that. I lack the front end speed of my race, so working on these small things will make me confident to cut down some more time. That can get me a place in the semifinals or the finals as well," he said during a virtual interaction organised by Sports Authority of India on Sunday.

Sajan, who featured in the last Olympics, failed to get past the heats in the Rio edition in 2016, so anything beyond that in Tokyo will be an improvement.

Sajan has looked in good form,especially in the two qualifying events last month. In Belgrade, he clocked 1:56.96s in the 200m butterfly, breaking his own record, while he bettered that a week later in Rome with 1:56.38s. Now he is looking to further improve his timing around the 1:55.8s mark .

"Five years back, in Rio my timing was 1:59.3s and now it has been reduced to 1:56.3s, so there is a three second gap I have covered," said Sajan. "Realistic target, I would say is to cut down another 0.5 seconds (in Tokyo). That will take me to around 1:55.8s," he suggested.

EXPRESS READ

Argentina reach last four in Copa

GOIANIA: Lionel Messi scored one goal and created two others as Argentina beat Ecuador 3-0 in Goiania to reach the Copa America semifinals. In Tuesday's last four match, 14-time winners will play Colombia, who beat Uruguay on penalties.

Serb athlete Covid +ve after reaching Japan

TOKYO: An athlete with the Serbian Olympic team has tested positive for coronavirus after arriving in Japan, less than three weeks before the Games, a host city official said. The member of the five-strong rowing team was found to have contracted the virus after a test at Tokyo's Haneda airport upon arrival Saturday.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation Limited Bengaluru invites tender for Supply of Packaged Drinking Water Bottles for Various units of KSTDC.

Tender No.: KSTDC/2021-22/IND39. **Description:** Supply of Packaged Drinking Water Bottles for Various units of KSTDC. EMD: **Rs.50,000/-.** Last date & time for Bid submission: **04.08.2021 at 16.00 Hrs.**

The detailed tender documents are available in the website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** For any further clarifications contact +91 80 23010900, +91 80 23010901. Email support: **hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com**

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1. Name of the work : Construction of Tahasil office Building at Salipur for the year 2021-22.
2. Class of Contractor : **B & A** Class contractor
3. Time for Completion : As specified in the **Column-5 of the Annexure.**
4. Detail Projects : **As per Annexure attached**
5. Other Details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
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Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack	Tender Online RWC-14/21.	08.07.2021 at 11.30 A.M.	28.07.2021, to 05.00 P.M.	28.07.2021 up to 02.00 P.M.	29.07.2021 at 11.30 A.M.	Will be intimated later on

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

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NAGPUR HOUSING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT BOARD, NAGPUR
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E-TENDER NOTICE FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022

Digitally signed & unconditional online tenders in form **B-2** Agreement are invited by the Executive Engineer, Division-II, Nagpur Housing & Area Development Board, Nagpur, Gruha Nirman Bhavan, Civil Lines, Nagpur - 440001, Phone No. 0712-2565692 & Fax No. 0712-2564939, Email ID www.mhadangp_01@hotmail.com on behalf of Deputy Chief Engineer / Nagpur Board, Nagpur. It is not necessary for bidder to registered with state PWD/CPWD/MES/MHADA/CIDCO or any other Govt. Agency / Organization undertaking. The age of organization with experience in similar work shall not be less than 10 years. Also the eligibility criteria is as per PWD Govt. Resolution No. CAT/2017/PK08/ Bldg-2, Dt. 27/09/2018. http://mahatenders.gov.in. The Certificates of Satisfactory Performance **should be uploaded for online registration on website.**

Name of Work	:	**Construction of Proposed Administrative Office Building For Nagpur Housing and Area Development Board At Kh. No. 12/1, Mouza Gadga, Civil Lines, Nagpur.**
Estimate Cost	:	**Rs. 48,25,70,097/-**
EMD @ 0.5%	:	**Rs. 24,12,850/-**
Period of Completion of work	:	**30 Months (Including Monsoon).**
Cost of Documents	:	**Rs. 3,360/- (Including GST).**
Document sale Start to End	:	**05/07/2021 @ 15.00 Hrs. to 30/07/2021 @ 17.00 Hrs.**
Pre-bid Meeting	:	**22/07/2021 @ 15.00 Hrs.**
Bid sub. Start to end	:	**05/07/2021 @ 15.00 Hrs. to 30/07/2021 @ 17.00 Hrs.**
Technical bid Opening	:	**03/08/2021 @ 15.00 Hrs.**
Opening Authority	:	**Deputy Chief Engineer / Nagpur Board.**

The detail tender notice and all other details are available on portal for e-tender. Contractor is required to get enrolled on the portal https://mahatenders.gov.in and get empanelled in relevant sub portal. The registered contractor has to obtain the Digital Certificate.
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TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement)

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Calendar of Events: (1) Publishing of documents by e-Procurement cell: **07.07.2021. (2)** Last date for submission of queries online: **14.07.2021. (3)** Last date and time for submission of Technical & Financial bids (Cover-I & II) : **21.07.2021. (4)** Opening of Bids: **23.07.2021** Please visit us at **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** For any details and clarifications. Contact Phone Nos.: **080-23379506 / 23379507**

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Applications will be received on-line only and the website will be open from 05.07.2021 1000 hrs to 19.07.2021 1700 hrs for submission of online applications.

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No. : SEE(E)UDP/ EE(O)/AEE(C)/2021-22/CYS-15 Date: 15.06.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Superintending Engineer (Ele.), O&M Circle, MESCOM, Udupi invites tenders from eligible Agencies (should satisfy eligible criteria as per NIT published at E-procuremen t) for the following works.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Reservation Category
1.	Construction of Transformer testing Bench and and one 2 BHK quarters in first floor at Gopadi Divisional Store.	General
2.	Construction of concrete road on the western side of Udyavara colony for construction of 33/11kv GIS sub-station	General
3.	Construction of 1 number of 2 BHK quarters over existing section office building at Gopadi.	SC
4.	Providing road at Tallur colony using interlock pavers.	General
5.	Providing Sheet roofing to 2 Block 2 BHK staff quarters at Tallur.	General
6.	Providing Sheet Roof, Compound wall & interlock to the existing 12 no of 2 BHK staff quarters @ Byndoor.	General
7.	Providing Galvolume Sheet Roofing, Drainage, lift etc to Division Office Building Kundapura	General
8.	Construction of additional room for existing sub-division office building at Tallur.	General
9.	Construction of compound wall and earth filling to Padubidre Colony.	General
10.	Providing Galvolume iron trapezoidal profiled sheet roofing to one block 2BHK staff quarters at Hebri, Udupi.	SC
11.	Providing shelves made of cadapa slab to Accounts Section of Udupi Division Office Plywood doors at Udupi.	General
12.	Construction of rooms for various Associations of Udupi Division at terrace Floor of Udupi Division office, Udupi.	General
13.	Providing road using interlock pavers allied with drain and remaining portion of fencing at Herroru colony, Udupi Division.	SC
14.	Providing and fixing Diesel Generator set at Division office, Udupi.	ST
15.	Providing and fixing Diesel Generator set at Circleoffice Kunjibettu , Udupi.	General

The bids will be received through Electronic (E-tendering) mode only. The detailed tender notification information can be obtained by logging on to http:// www.eproc.kaxnataka.gov.in on or after 07.07.2021. Any further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours

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New research says Martian lakes may not exist at all

Bright radar reflections were taken as proof of water in 2018 studies

SPACE

SUBSURFACE lakes found under Mars' south pole, using data from the Mars Express orbiter, may not really be lakes, argue researchers.

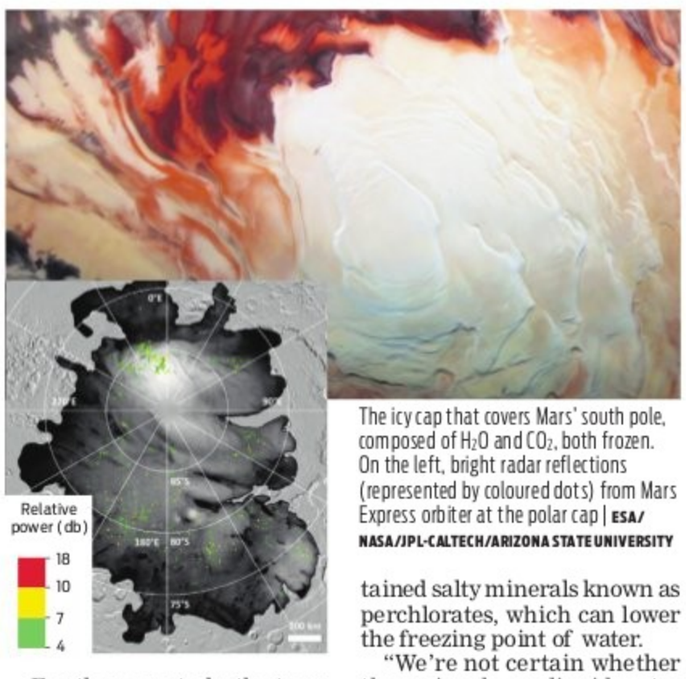
Two research teams in 2018, working on data from the Mars Express orbiter announced a surprising discovery: Signals from a radar instrument reflected off the red planet's south pole appeared to reveal a liquid subsurface lake.

However, a team of scientists at NASA and Arizona State University has recently found dozens of similar radar reflections around the south pole.

But many are in areas that should be too cold for water to remain liquid, they said.

"Usually, radar waves lose energy when they travel through a material, so reflections from deeper down should be less bright than those from the surface," said Aditya Khuller of ASU's School of Earth and Space Exploration. "Although there are a few possible reasons for unusually bright subsurface reflections, these two studies concluded that a liquid water component was the cause of these bright reflections, because liquid water appears bright to radar," added. Khuller co-authored one of the papers that contradicted the 2018 findings.

The radar signals originally interpreted as liquid water were found in a region of Mars known as the South Polar Layered Deposits. The areas originally hypothesised to contain liquid water span about 10 to 20 kilometres in a relatively small region of the Martian South Polar Layered Deposits.



The icy cap that covers Mars' south pole, composed of H_2O and CO_2, both frozen. On the left, bright radar reflections (represented by coloured dots) from Mars Express orbiter at the polar cap | ESA/NASA/JPL-CALTECH/ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

For the new study, the team expanded the search for similar strong radio signals to 44,000 measurements spread across 15 years of MARSIS data over the entirety of the Martian south polar region.

It revealed dozens of additional bright radar reflections over a far greater range of area and depth than ever before. In some places, they were less than a mile from the surface, where temperatures are estimated to be minus 63 degrees Celsius -- so cold that water would be frozen, even if it contained salty minerals known as perchlorates, which can lower the freezing point of water.

"We're not certain whether these signals are liquid water or not, but they appear to be much more widespread than what the original paper found," said Jeffrey Plaut from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). "Either liquid water is common beneath Mars' south pole, or these signals are indicative of something else."

Another paper in *Geophysical Research Letters* by Carver Bierson and others determined that these bright reflections might be caused by subsurface clays, metal-bearing minerals or saline ice.

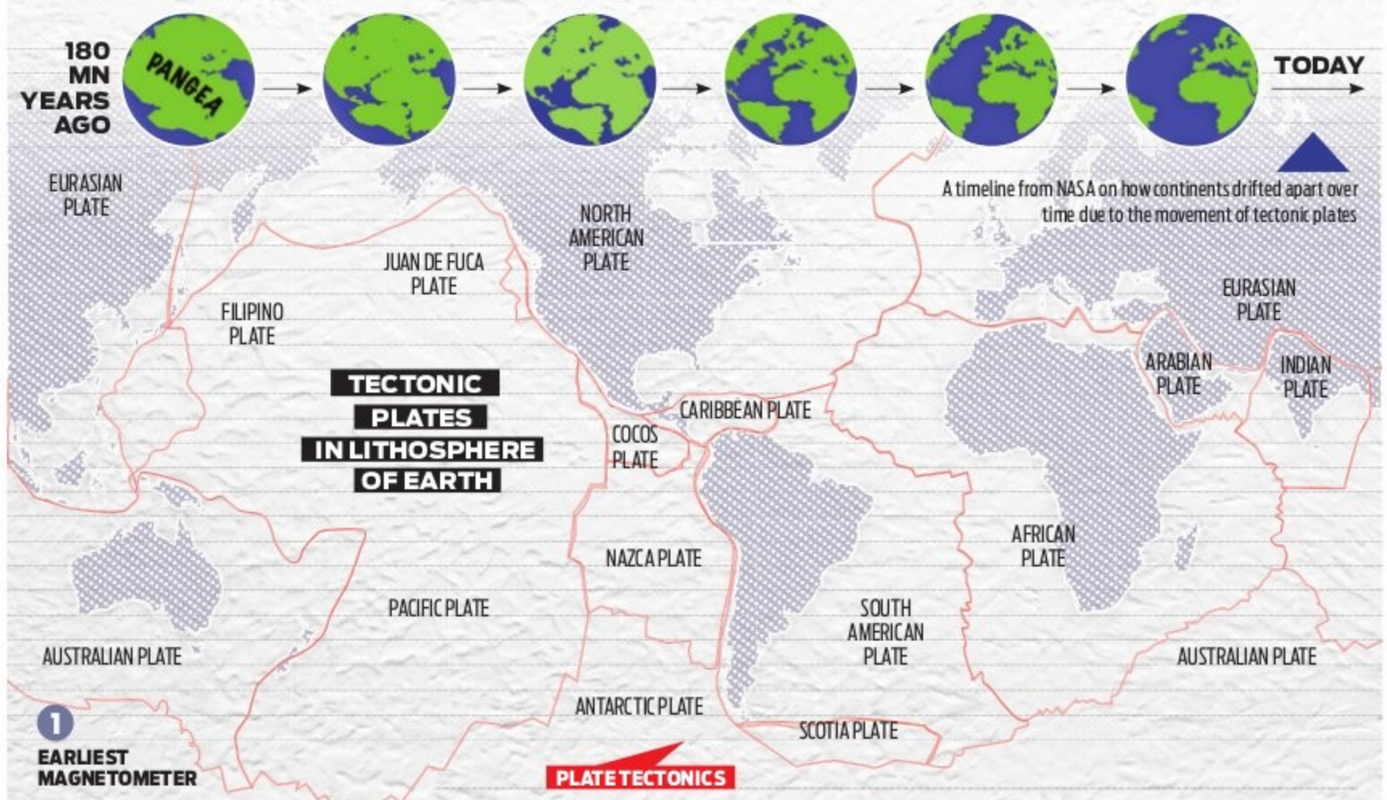
[A 2019 paper] found that it would take double the estimated Martian geothermal heat flow to keep this water liquid. One possible way to get this amount of heat is through volcanism. However, we haven't really seen any strong evidence for recent volcanism at the south pole, so it seems unlikely that volcanic activity would allow subsurface liquid water to be present throughout this region

Aditya Khuller, grad student and lead author of a paper in *Geophysical Research Letters*

EXFILE • GEOLOGY

How the theory of plate tectonics was born

During World War II, the world's military powers were looking for magnetic measurements precise enough to pinpoint the presence of very small metallic objects under water – such as a submarine. After the war, scientists took a look at what these devices used to detect magnetic anomalies, fluxgate magnetometers, could reveal about the seafloor. The device aided in the discovery of a "magic magnetic profile", which led to the studying of Earth's plate tectonics (mapped below)



1 EARLIEST MAGNETOMETER

Even in 1833, there existed simple magnetometers such as the one devised by Carl Friedrich Gauss that could measure the intensity of the Earth's magnetic field

His device had two bar magnets, one suspended in air and other placed some distance apart

The pull of the second magnet helped determine the deflection of the suspended magnet from the direction North, as well as Earth's magnetic field strength at a specific location. The device for the first time in history led to the creation of global maps of Earth's magnetic field strength

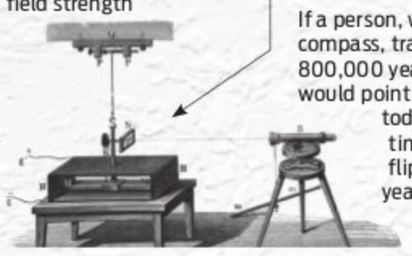
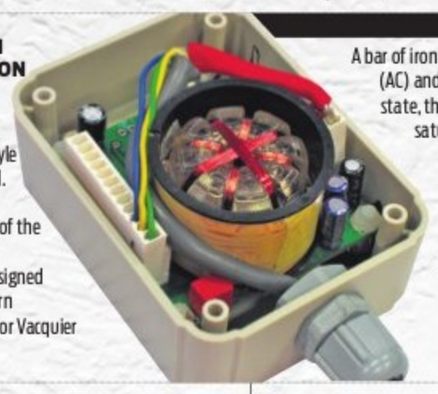


PLATE TECTONICS

Before 1960s, the idea that the Earth's continents were on the move was a fringe theory. But in the aftermath of World War II, tools such as the fluxgate magnetometers made scientists see the world in a different light. Earth's continents are a bit like ships drifting at sea. Our planet's crust is made up of 20 or so tectonic plates, each moving independently, yet grinding and scraping against each other

2 RUSSIAN INVENTION

A further advancement from the Gauss-style device was needed. And the US Navy saw the potential of the portable fluxgate magnetometer designed by the Russian-born geomagnetist Victor Vacquier during WWII



WHAT IS A FLUXGATE MAGNETOMETER?

A bar of iron is wrapped in two coils of wire, one to carry an alternating current (AC) and the other to detect the changes in magnetism. In an unsaturated state, the iron core can pull in Earth's magnetic field. And when the AC coil saturates the core, Earth's field is pushed out to be precisely recorded by the second coil

ZEBRA STRIPE PATTERN OF THE OCEAN FLOOR

After WWII, oceanographers towed the fluxgate behind research vessels to map the magnetic anomalies preserved in the sea floor. Sea floor rock that aligned with the Earth's current magnetic field existed next to rocks showing reversed polarity. This was hypothesised to be the result of Earth's magnetic field reversing direction

800,000

If a person, with today's magnetic compass, travelled back in time by 800,000 years, the compass' needle would point South when facing today's North Pole. The last time that Earth's poles flipped was about 780,000 years ago. It's not easy to determine what causes the reversals

MAGIC MAGNETIC PROFILE

In 1968, Walter Pitman, a grad student at the time, discovered a magnetic alignment of the rocks on the seafloor of the Pacific-Antarctic Ridge, an underwater mountain chain

Pitman used a magnetometer to capture data and create magnetic profiles of the volcanic seafloor. The readings indicated that seafloor on either side of the ridge was formed at the same time. This profile, along with others in geologically similar locations around the world, confirmed a theory that seafloor formed from lava at the **mid-ocean ridges** and spread outward from there. This process, known as seafloor spreading, opened the door to a new direction of study known as plate tectonics

PRE-PLANTING TRADITION

A farmer participates in a bull race at a paddy field in Batra village of South 24 Pargana district, West Bengal, on Sunday | PTI

Cyprus faces its 'most destructive' forest fire

ENVIRONMENT

Cyprus search crews discovered four charred bodies outside a fire-swept mountain village on Sunday in what the interior minister called the "most destructive" blaze in the eastern Mediterranean island nation's history.

Interior Minister Nicos Nouris said Civil Defense volunteers discovered the remains just outside the village of Odou on the southern edge of the Troodos mountain range.

The blaze, which began Saturday afternoon outside the village of Arakapas, spread quickly amid strong winds and forced the evacuation of at least eight mountain villages, destroying homes and scorching 55 square kilometres of pine forest and orchards.

"We are experiencing the most destructive fire since the founding of the Cyprus republic," Nouris said, adding that 50 homes were damaged so far.

President Nicos Anastasiades called the fire "an unprecedented tragedy" except for the destruction wreaked by a 1974 war that split the island along ethnic lines after Turkey invaded in response to a coup aimed at union with Greece.

A 67-year-old farmer was arrested and remanded in custody on suspicion of starting the blaze. He was seen by an eyewitness leaving the village of Arakapas in his car at the same time the fire started there.

Small study finds masks to be safe while exercising

HEALTH

NEW YORK: Desperate to hit the gym, but worried about working out with masks? Wearing both N95 and cloth mask while exercising is safe and effective, suggests a new study.

Wearing a mask while at rest or during activities of daily living is recommended to be safe and effective for reducing the risk of person-to-person airborne transmission of SARS-Cov-2, the virus causing Covid-19.

A team of researchers from the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio, US, tested whether mask wearing during exercise stress testing (EST) to peak exhaustion provokes clinically indicated safety concerns. The trial included 20 never-smoker, apparently healthy, recreationally active men (11) and women (9) in treadmill EST under each of the experimental conditions: no mask, N95 (3M, 8200, N95 respirator), and cloth mask (Boco Gear PM2.5 activated carbon filter).A

While there was discomfort exercising with a mask, it did not raise any health issues, revealed the study published online in *JAMA Network Open*.

"This crossover trial found that perceived breathing resistance at peak exercise is uniquely and significantly elevated when EST is performed while wearing a mask," Matthew Kampert, from the Center of Sports Medicine, Department of Orthopaedics, at Cleveland Clinic.

"Performing EST with a mask yielded lower peak VIO2 and heart rates as compared with no mask. However, each experimental condition resulted in peak exercise values that generally remained within normal limits, and no EST required termination due to clinically indicated safety concerns.

"Thus, although it is possible that wearing a mask exerted a physical limitation on exercise capacity, the clinical relevance of such a possibility is not supported by these data," he said.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Species saved from extinction

CONSERVATION

The critically endangered saiga antelope, which was on the brink of extinction due to poaching for its horns and a mass die-off in 2015, has made a comeback with its population more than doubling compared to 2019, the BBC reported. Their numbers in the Kazakhstan heartland have increased from 334,000 to 842,000. Following a crackdown on poaching and conservation efforts at local and international levels, their numbers have steeply increased. Kazakhstan is home to a majority of the world's saiga, which is also present in southern Russia and Uzbekistan. The excess humidity and above-average daily temperatures on the steppes had turned a bacterium previously present in the saiga into a deadly killer in 2015 leading to the die-off.

Unvaccinated Covid deaths

MEDICINE

America's top infectious disease expert says about 99.2% of recent Covid-19 deaths in the United States involved unvaccinated people. And Dr. Anthony Fauci says "it's really sad and tragic that most all of these are avoidable and preventable." He tells NBC's "Meet the Press" it's frustrating "where you have a formidable enemy" in the coronavirus and "yet we do have a countermeasure that's highly, highly effective. And that's the reason why it's all the more sad and all the more tragic why it isn't being completely implemented in this country." Fauci cites the reasons for opposition to the vaccine by some Americans, saying it could be "ideological".

SETTING UP EQUIPMENT

Astronauts complete first spacewalk outside China's new station

SPACE

BEIJING: Chinese astronauts successfully performed the country's first tandem spacewalk on Sunday, working for seven hours on the outside of the new Tiangong station in orbit around Earth.

Tiangong's construction is a major step in China's ambitious space programme, which has seen the nation land a rover on Mars and send probes to the Moon.

Three astronauts blasted off last month to become the station's first crew, where they are to remain for three months in China's longest crewed mission to date.

On Sunday morning, two of them exited the station for around seven hours of work in the first spacewalk at Tiangong, the China Manned Space Agency said. "The safe return of astronauts Liu Boming and Tang Hongbo to the Tianhe core module marks the complete success of the first spacewalk in our country's space station construction," the space agency said.

Their tasks involved elevating a panoramic camera outside the Tianhe core module, as well as testing the station's robotic arm which will be used to transfer future modules around the station, state media said.

Astronaut Liu Boming steps out of the core module on Sunday | AP

The astronauts installed foot stops on the robotic arm and, with its support, carried out other assembly work, added the space agency.

In a video clip of Liu leaving the cabin, he exclaimed: "Wow, it's too beautiful out here."

Television footage showed the astronauts preparing for the spacewalk by donning gear and conducting health checks while exercising.

Liu and Tang were later shown opening the hatch and exiting the module separately, wearing newly developed suits said to weigh 130 kilograms. They were supported from inside the station by the mission commander Nie Haisheng, a decorated air force pilot who is on his third space mission.

This was the first of two spacewalks planned for the mission, both expected to last six or seven hours.

It was also the first time since 2008 that Chinese astronauts went outside their spacecraft. Back then, Zhai Zhigang made China the third country to complete a spacewalk after the Soviet Union and the US

This is China's first crewed mission in nearly five years, and a matter of huge prestige as the country marks the 100th anniversary of the ruling Communist Party this month. .

China's space agency is planning 11 launches this year.

WOMEN CADETS MADE TO MARCH IN HEELS

Ukraine's defense minister is under pressure from members of the government over the decision to have female military cadets wear pumps with heels in an important parade. Ukraine is preparing to stage a military parade to mark 30 years of independence, and the defence ministry released photos of fatigue-clad soldiers marching in mid-heel black pumps. A statement from three Cabinet members said women "have proved their worth not in heels, but with machine guns"

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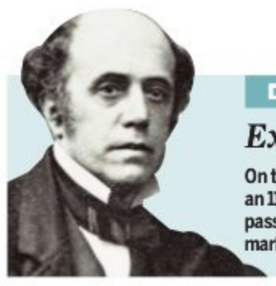

DAY'S DIARY

Excursion package

On this day in 1841, Thomas Cook arranged an 11-mile train journey for a group of passengers from Leicester to Loughborough, marking a new chapter in history of travel

THE JOURNEY

Midland Counties Railway Company ran this first publicly advertised excursion train in England. They agreed to make the arrangement permanent if Cook would provide passengers

ALL-INCLUSIVE

It was the birth of mass tourism. The ticket, cost one shilling per person, paid for the rail travel, tea, ham sandwiches and entry to witness a brass band

TOURS & TRAVELS

He went on to introduce a railway tour of Europe. In the early 1860s he began the travel firm, Thomas Cook & Son, which included tours of the USA

Prajwal Devaraj back in cop avatar for Mafia

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INCENTIVES FOR IMMUNITY

A free dish, a kilo of tomatoes, discount on book subscriptions...Check out some of the incentives restaurants and stores in Bengaluru are offering vaccinated clients

SANATH PRASAD

THERE'S more than just one incentive to take the Covid-19 vaccine, show Bengaluru establishments which are wooing people to take the jab if they haven't already. It's a win-win situation with set-ups keen to keep their brand presence active, especially after the second wave Covid 19 has wreaked havoc on their business. For example, Misu on St Marks Road and Lucky Chan in Indiranagar, which are offering one free dish for one shot of the vaccine and two free dishes for two shots of the vaccine. "The offer starts from today and is only for dine-in customers. The lowest priced item will be discounted from the bill depending upon the number of shots the guest has got," says Amit Ahuja, managing director of AA Hospitality that operates both the outlets.

Restaurants have significantly been impacted due to the lockdown. But Amrut Mehta, director of Little Italy, feels that 'vaccine incentives' is their way to encourage people to stay safe. The Italian joint is offering free pizza per delivery to vaccinated customers. One has to reach out to the restaurant's page on Instagram, send their vaccine certificate and avail a coupon for a free pizza. "Starting May, we have offered 500 free pizzas in India. In Bengaluru alone, we delivered around 200 of them. This shows more people are getting vaccinated which is a good sign. Not just them, we are also providing free pizzas to customers who have donated plasma," says Mehta, who has decided to keep this offer till the end of July.

Meanwhile, Humus, a wholesale vegetable market in JP Nagar, is offering a kilo of tomatoes free of cost, upon the confirmation message of the vaccine dose. "Usually tomatoes are the most used commodity in cooking, so we decided to offer them for free. Moreover, it is important to encourage more and more customers to get vaccinated to achieve herd immunity. We are planning to keep this offer effective for the next two weeks," says Girish Kumar, co-founder, Humus.

Amit Ahuja

Making that morning cup of coffee sweeter is Bonhomia World, a gourmet coffee and tea brand in Bengaluru, which is waiving off 20 per cent on their coffee and coffee products to vaccinated clients. "We are sending e-mailers to our existing customers about this offer and requesting them to send their vaccine certificates to avail the discount," says Suresh Narasimha, an invester in the brand.

Books have kept many sane during the lockdown, and Just Books, an online book rental service, is offering a discount on their subscription to members who are vaccinated. "We started offering a 10 per cent discount on subscription fees to our vaccinated members. Since most of our customers are youngsters, we want to encourage them to take the vaccination," says Prashanth Achar, COO, JustBooks. "Moreover, we are also offering one month of free subscription to Covid 19 warriors and a flat 50 per cent discount on subscription as well," he adds.

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Usually tomatoes are the most used commodity in cooking, so we decided to offer them for free - Girish Kumar, co-founder, Humus

CITY READ

New digital platform focused on boosting local entrepreneurship, launched

Homegrown e-commerce marketplace Flipkart announced the launch of Shopsy, an app that will enable people to start their online businesses without any investment. With the ability to influence their local network and fulfill their aspirations, users of Shopsy will be able to share catalogues of a wide selection of 15 crore products offered by Flipkart sellers, ranging across fashion, beauty, mobiles, electronics, among others with potential customers via popular social media and messaging apps. Users can simply register on the Shopsy app using their phone numbers and begin their online entrepreneurial journey.

E-tailer holds sale

Online fashion retailer AJIO is holding a 'Big Bold Sale' until July 5. Offering something for everyone, there are styles at slashed prices ranging from 50 per cent to 90 per cent off on popular categories such as t-shirts, jeans, kurtas and sneakers. For this mega event, actor Sonam Kapoor, and popular icons - Guru Randhawa, Shruti Haasan, Kajal Aggarwal and Mouni Roy- will raise the fashion quotient of the sale.

A 'sari' state of affairs

To aid distressed weavers of Tamil Nadu, a Bengaluru-based revival boutique is helping them sell their creations of Chettinad cotton sarees

EXPRESS FEATURES

AKKA, we don't have money to purchase milk or vegetables. We have a stockpile of sarees, but we haven't been able to sell them." A month ago, Bharathy Harish, head of Madhurya Creations, a revival boutique in south Bengaluru, got a call from a distressed weaver, pleading that something be done to help them out. Harish and her team swung into action, reaching out to individuals, impressing upon them the help they will render by purchasing a Chettinad cotton saree woven by weavers in Tamil Nadu.

Chettinad cotton sarees

"What the weavers now require are bulk orders to have their looms retained and come out with new ones for the upcoming festivals," says Harish, whose boutique that supports more than 1,000 weaver families across India, is reaching out to people who can help place orders for Chettinad cotton sarees, for sailing the weavers across the rough waters.

Just five years ago, the Chettinad cotton sarees won the 'India Handloom' tag for its unique designs and identity from the Union Ministry of Handlooms and Textiles, after passing through five rigorous quality tests to earn the branding. "Let alone the sad history of how the powerloom threw handloom weavers out of their jobs, the latest blow to the weavers' community is the pandemic that has denied them their usual share of orders during the last one year. Until the lockdown, there were retailers who would purchase in large numbers. But with everything having come to a standstill, it has been hard for us to make bulk purchases either," Harish explains.

The Chettinad cotton sarees that are normally sold for ₹1600+ are now being sold by the weavers for ₹890 (including delivery charges). "Their monthly household needs come upto about ₹5,000, but it has become hard for them to make ends meet. During pre-Covid times, they would turn servers at weddings, which would give them some additional income," she says.

The biggest challenge that Harish is facing at the moment is logistics. "Second, weavers in villages don't have access to the best technology to take high-quality photographs. So, buyers will not be able to choose the colour of the sarees but can only select the quantity. The weavers will send sarees in a mix of colours," Harish says, adding that the sarees are available in vibrant tones, don't run colour or shrink after washing. "We're hoping that this initiative will help weavers get back on their feet in a month or two," she adds.

For details, log onto the Madhurya Creations website.

The latest blow to the weavers' community is the pandemic that has denied them their usual share of orders during the last one year — Bharathy Harish

Monika Manchanda, a city-based food writer and consultant, co-founder and chief culinary officer at LiveAltLife, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are.

GRUB HUB

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents are published here. Prize: The first prize winner this week will win a complimentary voucher (worth Rs 2,500) from Gawky Goose.*

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1. Dilpasand 2. Hari Sandwich Shop 3. NASA

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1. Aby Ben Rajan
2. Ramesh M P
3. R Rajesh

***Conditions apply**

TUNE OF change

This new Kannada song aims to be a ray of hope amid the second wave of Covid 19

EXPRESS FEATURES

THE second wave of Covid-19 brought with it doom, gloom and misery. Recognising this, the makers of a new Kannada song hope their track will provide the ray of hope in these times. Called *Parapancha*, the track features vocals by Karthik Gubbi, better known as Gubbi, lyrics by Vinay Pampapathi and music composed by Dasharath Kumar. "The song captures everything that I've understood during this time," says Pampapathi, a city-based filmmaker who is currently working on an upcoming Kannada film called *Ramana Avatara*. "It's about living happily with whatever one has. Be happy and keep everyone happy. It's a small life, after all. Who knows if we will get tomorrow or not," he adds.

Agrees Gubbi, who says the song is all about keeping humanity alive right now. "Especially given the chaos of the pandemic and the shortage and scams related to hospital infrastructure like beds," says the musician, who will have two new EPs coming out in the next few months.

The lyrics (which explore different topics like asking for help in difficult times, facing an atmosphere of negativity and the need to spread love) took Pampapathi just a week to write, following which Kumar took 15 days to come up with the music. Gubbi then went ahead and recorded the song in his home studio, and it was finally released the past weekend. "This entire project was a collaboration of time and talent," says Pampapathi. The trio wanted the message to reign supreme and hence collectively pooled in with their skills instead of relying on external resources that would require additional money. For instance, the video editing and VFX was carried out by Pampapathi whereas mastering was done by Kumar. "This was good because we also got a chance to learn and fill in the gaps that I was lacking in. We never expected to make any revenue from the song anyway. The intention was to just spread the message that we shouldn't lose any hope now," says Pampapathi.

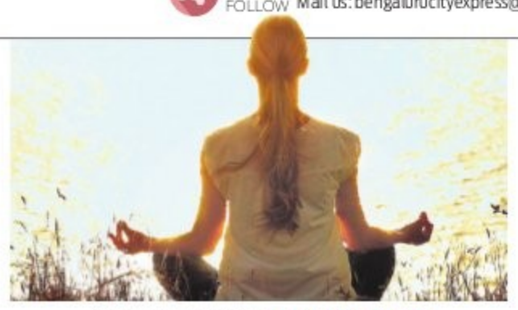
Karthik Gubbi, rapper Pic Credits: Rajesh Kawde

BREAD-MAKING WORKSHOP

Take part in this online workshop by Rakhee Vaswani and learn how to make 'ladi', pav, hot dog rolls, honey and whole wheat loaf, burger buns, and whole wheat pizza and much more. **When:** July 8, 3pm **Tickets:** insider.in

STORYTELLING FOR BUSINESS

Sign up for a workshop conducted by entrepreneur Roshan Abbas, on storytelling for business. The six hours live masterclass will have five story templates that will help you learn to hook your listening to your business story, building leverage through stories, capturing mindsets and much more. **When:** July 10 **Details:** insider.in



MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

Health and wellness expert Ranjan Sahu is conducting an online workshop for mental health and wellbeing. The workshop will focus on drawing references from scriptures to enhance the integrity of the body, mind, soul and emotions. The workshop is open for 18 years and above. **When:** July 10 onwards **Register:** bookmyshow.com

WORKING OUT

Masterlife is conducting online workout sessions for a healthy and fit life. The 30-day programme aims to help get the right diet, lose weight and maintain a consistent fitness level. The fitness session is held everyday at 2pm. **Cost:** ₹1999 **Register:** insider.in

CATCH STAND-UP COMIC GARV'S INTERESTING COMEDY SHOW FEATURING FOUR ARTISTES. WHEN: JULY 9 TICKETS: BOOKMYSHOW.COM

Building Confidence

Catch artiste Feroza Engineer online as she trains you in building confidence using insightful stories, analogies, theories, and some daily habits. The course also covers building confidence with skill-sets, personal strengths, overcoming inhibitions, and much more. **When:** Ongoing **Register:** bookmyshow.com

Film direction classes

Sign up for film direction classes with Shashank Khaitan. The month-long session will dwell into the art of directing films, challenges during direction, fundamentals of direction and much more. Also catch some interesting stories from the director's career. **When:** July 5 onwards **Details:** Unluclass

DIY Gin Kits

Get DIY gin infusion kits inspired by the cocktail culture of Singapore. The DIY kits include luxury botanicals and spices, four easy to follow DIY infusion recipes, two infusion bottles and one tote bag. Some of the flavours include hibiscus, sichuan, peppercorn, chinese juniper berries, candied strawberries among others. **Details:** insider.in

Art Marathon

Sign up for an art marathon workshop by The Nations Rock Beat spanning for 13 days. The workshop is based on art activities like lettering, mandala, coffee painting, resin art, dot mandala, stippling, fluid art, warli art, the basics of portrait sketching and much more. **When:** Until July 21 **Register:** insider.in

Reality Check

Get to know about India's past with IT professional Uttara Nerukar. Her talks on India's past will include knowledge advancements of ancient India, notions around the land's ancient history, ancient India's economic and cultural significance, and much more. **When:** July 8 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

ALOO PAKORA (POTATO FRITTERS)

INGREDIENTS

- **Potato:** 1, medium to large sized
- **Gram flour:** 1 cup
- **Rice flour:** 2 tbsp
- **Carom seeds:** 1/2 tsp
- **Red chili powder:** 1/4 tsp
- **Garam masala powder:** 1/4 tsp
- **Asafoetida:** 1 pinch ■ **Water:** 3/4 cup
- **Baking soda:** 2-3 pinches, optional
- **Chaat masala:** 1/2 to 1 tsp for sprinkling
- **Oil** and **salt** as required

METHOD

- Mix gram flour, rice flour, carom seeds, chilli powder, garam masala, asafoetida, baking soda and salt.
- Add water and whisk to get a smooth consistency.
- Rinse, peel and slice the potatoes thinly into discs. Heat oil for frying in a kadai on medium heat.
- Dip each potato slice in the batter. Place them gently and carefully in the medium-hot oil.
- When one side is golden, turn over the pakora with a slotted spoon. Fry until crisp and golden.
- Remove, sprinkle chaat masala on top and serve.

— Ankita Sahni, New Delhi

SOUND BOARD

FAT.SO?
In this podcast, hosts Ameya and Pallavi discuss being fat—the pain, the joy, the learning, the dark humor and the silver lining. They talk about body image, societal norms, working hard at self love, failing at weight loss, loneliness, food, love and sex.
- On Apple Podcasts

MARBLES LOST & FOUND
Hosted by Zain Calcuttawala and Avanti Malhotra, 'Marbles Lost & Found' is a podcast to raise awareness about mental health and its importance in our day to day life.
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Hosted by writer Deepa Narayan, the podcast explores power and love in different aspects of men's lives in homes, schools, and offices.
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THE FINANCIAL CONFESSIONS
The Financial Confessions is a podcast about how we live and interact with money. Hosted by Chelsea Fagan, this inaugural podcast from The Financial Diet sits down every week with experts, influencers, and everyone in between to talk about money.
- On Apple Podcasts

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

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Sathya, a son of a priest, leads a straightforward life until he meets the girl of his dreams. His love for her drags him into the world of crime, jeopardising everything that he holds dear.
- Cast: Shivarajkumar, Prema

KOTIGOBBA 2
The police are on a lookout for a burglar who robs wealthy businessmen at night. When they nab Satya, a real estate agent, he tells them about his criminal brother Shiva, who resembles him.
- Cast: Kichcha Sudeepa, Nithya Menon

MUNGARU MALE 2
Preetham, the son of Suryakanth, a millionaire, is driven by excitement and easily gets bored when it comes to relationships. He understands love after he meets Nandini
- Cast: Ganesh, Ravichandran

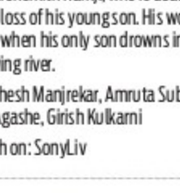
MAANIKYA
Vijay and Manasa's families have been at each other's throat's since the past 25 years. However, things take a turn when they fall in love with each other.
- Cast: Kichcha Sudeepa, Ravishankar

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

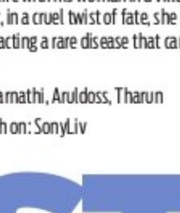
1 WHY YOU SHOULD BRING YOUR WHOLE SELF TO WORK BY DAN CLAY
By day, Dan Clay is a partner at a brand and innovation consultancy. Clay was worried about being dismissed as "too gay" at work, so he dialed down his personality. But then his alter ego, Carrie Dragshaw, went viral online. Here's what happened next.

2 HOW BOREDOM CAN LEAD YOU TO YOUR MOST BRILLIANT IDEAS BY MANOUSH ZOMORODI
Do you sometimes have your most creative ideas while folding laundry, washing dishes or doing nothing in particular? It's because when your body goes on autopilot, your brain gets busy forming new neural connections that connect ideas and solve problems. Learn to love being bored from Manoush Zomorodi.



3 DARE TO EDUCATE AFGHAN GIRLS BY SHABANA BASIJ-RASIKH
Twenty-two-year-old Shabana Basij-Rasikh runs a school for girls in Afghanistan. She celebrates the power of a family's decision to believe in their daughters — and tells the story of one brave father who stood up to local threats.

4 MY SIMPLE INVENTION, DESIGNED TO KEEP MY GRANDFATHER SAFE BY KENNETH SHINOZUKA
In this charming talk, hear how teen inventor Kenneth Shinozuka came up with a novel solution to help his night-wandering grandfather and the aunt who looks after him ... and how he hopes to help others with Alzheimer's.



5 WANT TO CHANGE THE WORLD? START BY BEING BRAVE ENOUGH TO CARE BY CLEO WADE
Artist and poet Cleo Wade recites a moving poem about being an advocate for love and acceptance in a time when both seem in short supply. She shares some truths about growing up (and speaking up) and reflects on the wisdom of a life well-lived.

FIT BIT

SWANA PRANAYAMA

(DOG PANTING BREATHING EXERCISE)

In Sanskrit, 'swana' means dog and 'pranayama' means a breathing exercise. Here the technique used is similar to panting like a dog — keeping your tongue out and making 'ha' sound. Though the name suggests it is a Pranayama, it is just a preparatory technique for yogic cleansing practices. It helps to maintain body temperature. Moreover, it improves digestion and removes diseases like indigestion and acidity. Hence, it aids in the digestive process. Besides, it is a good preparatory practice for Agnisar Kriya, Nauli, and Uddiyana Bhanda. Traditionally, it activates the Third (Manipura or Navel) Chakra, which acts as the body's energy power-house.

STEPS

- Sit in Vajrasana (Thunderbolt Pose). Make sure the big toes are in contact with each other.
- Place your palms on the knees. Close your eyes and relax the body for a few seconds.
- Lean forward and straighten the arms keeping the head erect.
- Open your mouth wide and extend the tongue outside.
- Then, breathe like a panting dog, extending your tongue outside to the maximum.
- Contract the stomach while exhaling and expand the stomach while inhaling. The movements should be spontaneous and not forceful.
- A beginner may breathe ten times which constitutes one round.
- Perform three rounds like this. Advanced practitioners may go up to twenty breaths of three rounds.
- Relax for 30 seconds to one minute between two rounds.

BENEFITS

- Offers relief from diseases like indigestion and acidity.
- Aids in digestive process.
- A good preparatory practice for Agnisar Kriya, Nauli, and Uddiyana Bhanda.
- Very effective for strengthening the muscles of the abdomen and diaphragm.

LIMITATIONS

- People suffering from stomach, intestine ulcers, hypertension must avoid this pranayama.
- Those who are suffering from hernia, hyperthyroidism or chronic diarrhoea should not practise this pranayama.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

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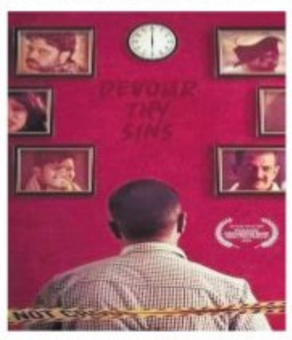

ARISHADVARGA (Kannada)
An aspiring actor doubling as an amateur gigolo gets caught up in a sticky situation after accepting a surprise gift from an anonymous client. Cast: Sumyuktha Hornad, Anju Alva Naik
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

KAVACHA (Kannada)
Jayarama, who is visually challenged, agrees to be the guardian of a young girl, Meenakshi, after her father is murdered. Soon, he finds himself battling a serial killer whose new target is Meenakshi.
Cast: Shiva Rajkumar, Isha Kopikkar, Ravi Kale, Kruthika Jayakumar
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

SUNFLOWER (Hindi, series)
A quirky murder mystery based in a housing society called Sunflower. Its simpleton resident Sonu dives headlong into a murder mystery and becomes the chief suspect. What happens next?
Cast: Sunil Grover, Mukul Chadda, Radha Bhatt, Saloni Khanna
- Watch on: Zee5

METRO (Tamil)
Arivu leads a happy life with his middle-dass family that consists of his parents and brother Madhi. His world crumbles when Madhi joins a gang of chain snatchers to make money and live lavishly.
Cast: Bobby Simha, Yogi Babu, Sendrayan, Tulasi
- Watch on: Netflix

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

DITHEE (Marathi)
The movie revolves around the life of a humble ironsmith Ramji, who is dealing with the loss of his young son. His world shatters when his only son drowns in an overflowing river.
Cast: Mahesh Manjrekar, Amruta Subhash, Mohan Agashe, Girish Kulkarni
- Watch on: SonyLiv

THAEN (Tamil)
An uneducated beekeeper leads a happy married life with his woman in a village. However, in a cruel twist of fate, she ends up contracting a rare disease that can kill her.
Cast: Abarnathi, Aruldoss, Tharun
- Watch on: SonyLiv

FILMISTAAN (Hindi)
Sunny, an assistant film director in Mumbai, aspires to become a superstar. He starts working on a project with an American crew in a remote area where a terrorist group mistakenly kidnaps him.
Cast: Sharib Hashmi, Inaamulhaq, Gopal Dutt, Kumud Mishra
- Watch on: SonyLiv

ENGLISH

FATHERHOOD
A father brings up his baby girl as a single dad after the unexpected death of his wife who died a day after their daughter's birth.
Cast: Kevin Hart, Anthony Carrigan, Melody Hurd, Devorah Ayorinde
- Watch on: Netflix

GONE BABY GONE
When four-year-old Amanda goes missing, her aunt Beatrice hires detectives Angie and Patrick to trace her. However, the duo face paedophiles, gangs and drug deals during their search operations.
Cast: Casey Affleck, Michelle Monaghan, Amy Ryan, Morgan Freeman
- Watch on: Netflix

CHAPPIE
Chappie, one of the police robots, is stolen by criminals who treat it like their own child. With new programming, it becomes the first robot with the ability to feel and think for itself.
Cast: Hugh Jackman, Yolandi Visser, Dev Patel, Sharlto Copley
- Watch on: SonyLiv

THE HELP
Skeeter, an aspiring author, decides to write a book on African-American maids and the struggles they face on a daily basis.
Cast: Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer, Emma Stone, Jessica Chastain
- Watch on: SonyLiv

SUBSCRIPTION
Netflix: ₹ 199 per month
SonyLiv: ₹ 299 per month
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Zee5: ₹ 99 per month

ON THE TIGER'S TRAIL

A still from *Sherni*

A Bengaluru-based forensic expert, who was part of the capture mission of tigress Avni, is working on a film that has a different story to tell as opposed to *Sherni*

SANATH PRASAD

MAN eater'', "Avni", "T1", "T12". The big cat has been labelled enough. *Sherni*, starring Vidya Balan in the lead role as a Deputy Conservator of Forest (DyCF), is a fictional account of how the problematic tigress was captured in Pandharkawada, a city in the Yavatmal district of Maharashtra. The infamous killing of the tigress, known as T1, by a private hunter has been a matter of public discourse for a long time. However, some believe that *Sherni* does not provide the right insights into the matter, though it is considered a work of fiction. Take, for instance, Dr Prayag HS, an assistant professor at Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University (KVAFSU), who was a part of the mission to capture the tigress. He now wants to retell the story from his perspective and that of those who were part of mission to save T1, like then DyCFO KM Abharna, wildlife activists Dr Sarita Subramaniam, Dr Jerryl Banait and other stakeholders. He is currently working on a script to do this through a film or documentary.

"I had already worked on a synopsis after returning from the capture mission in 2018. I did this along with director Islahuddin NS and I had registered with the Screenwriters Association. It did not take off because of a producer who wanted it to be a commercial fiction story. I am making a fresh script that will be made into a movie or a documentary series," says Prayag, who is also the executive producer of two Kannada films, *David* and *Saddu Vicharane Nadeyuttide*.

He believes the film and the true event are different versions. "My bone of contention to the story is whether it was really T1 (Avni) that killed the villagers," says Prayag, who adds, "The forensic tests were goofed up from the first case of death of a villager."

Prayag's version of the film will include the different reports of forensic tests that led to identifying two different sexes of the same man-eating tiger - a male and the female - which is missing in the film. He also wants to focus on how a private hunter was given priority over other experts in the mission to kill the tiger.

The script is also expected to focus on the fact that the tigress is 'not a man-eater'. "The tigress was lactating. Moreover, it is not a man-eater until proven scientifically instead of circumstantial evidence. Because the tigress hunted every weekend after a long gap. This means it also fed on other natural things in the forest. However, it was a problematic tiger," says Prayag.

Dr Jerryl Banait, a Nagpur-based wildlife activist who named the tiger 'Avni', says "When an animal feeds on the flesh of a human, it can be proved as man-eater only through DNA tests. Interestingly, out of the 12 killings, only three were considered as carnivore acts and only one killing was suspected to be of the tigress Avni," he explains.

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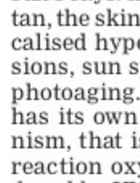
Dr Prayag HS, forensic expert

STAY SAFE IN THE SUN



PAIRED WITH PANACHE
Anuja Pandey

PICNICS and beach holidays are all about blue skies, an unlimited view of the horizon and fun in the sun. However, over exposure to the sun could lead to many challenges, especially for your skin. It could cause dark spots, redness and accelerate photoaging, thus leading to premature wrinkles and decreased elasticity of the skin. These might be common skin woes that everyone experiences with age, but all can't be blamed on age alone. More than 90 per cent of premature ageing is caused by the cumulative effect of sun and UV rays.

What is photoaging?

When skin is exposed to sun, the natural response is to produce more melanin to prevent the oxidative effect of the sun's rays. In addition to this tan, the skin also develops localised hyper-pigmented lesions, sun spots etc. This is photoaging. While the skin has its own defence mechanism, that is, production of reaction oxygen species induced by UV radiations, this antioxidant is not efficient in itself to combat the harmful effect of rays. Here's how you can prevent photoaging:

Supplementation with antioxidants

Since oxidative damage is the reason for the photoaging, hyperpigmentation/ sunspots, antioxidants are one answer to the problem. Antioxidants like selenium, lycopene, vitamin E, beta carotene etc are essential for healthy and glowing skin. A good supplement could elevate the skin's threshold to sunburn, prevent production of free radicals and complement the other photo protective parallel measures that one must take to avoid damage. Dr Kaustav Guha, head - R&D at SkinKraft Labs, says, "When your eating habits do not fulfil your nutrition requirements completely, supplements come into the picture. They help maintain a proper nutritional balance, cover up any deficit in nutrients, thus boosting the immune system."

Photoaging is when the skin develops localised hyper-pigmented lesions, sun spots, etc | PIC COURTESY: RUNWAY RITUAL

Application of sunscreen

Many people tout sunscreen as their go-to anti-ageing formula and for the right reasons. Regular use of a broad-spectrum sunblock keeps photoaging at bay for a longer period of time.

Treatments

There are various options available to tackle concerns like tan and hyperpigmentation effectively like:

a) Chemical peels

"These are performed by dermatologists. Peels are devised from fruit acids and other derivatives which help in dead cell renewal, reducing tan and blemishes, making the skin look more brighter," says Dr Soham Bhattacharyya, consultant dermatologist, Kaya Clinic.

b) Microdermabrasion

This is also known as skin polishing using aluminium oxide crystals to remove tan. Bhattacharyya adds, "A Q-switch laser or Er YaG laser are safe devices used by dermatologists to reduce pigmentation and uneven skin tone."

Basking in sun helps with the synthesis of vitamin D and is required for our well-being but it is also integral to know how to be careful about it. Happy sunbathing folks...

(The author is a social media influencer @ loftyspectrums and lifestyle coach)

Unlocking achievements with Ghost of Tsushima

ARE YOU GAME?
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(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

SPEEDRUNNING is the videogame equivalent of walking through a grocery store when I'm hungry, only to grab that one pack of flour that I needed to buy. I'm doing just enough, when I am tempted to do so much more. The creators of videogames are smart. They know how to stop people from doing just speedruns. They provide achievements. Some trophies. Some medals. Some unlockable features. Sealing your exit from the game's ecosystem. Now you've spent too much time here, and money. Maybe, just maybe, if you stick around for longer you can get some more achievements.

Anyway, Ghost of Tsushima is not exploitative in its achievement track. In the PlayStation a Platinum Trophy is the "ultimate achievement"; it means you've sort of received all the achievements that are worth achieving. I tried that last week, commemorating the anniversary of the game. Platinum-ing is a noble pursuit, but not an easy task. It requires dedicated effort (basically grinding), till you find the occasion that helps you complete it. However, the achievable platinum trophy in Ghost of Tsushima extends beyond the campaign mission. Late last year, the game came out with "Legends", an online co-op universe that follows mystic tales. The Story and Survival modes are easy to master with some help from your teammates. Additionally, they also have great replay value and benefits associated with replay. Once you have successfully finished all tiers of the modes and ranked up your preferred characters, you get to try "Raids".

Raids are an hour-and-a-half-long missions. They have excellent story backing, and ruthless combat during play. You have disciples shooting burning crows into your face, and purple one is kicking you a mile high into the air — it's painful and glorious simultaneously. Since this is purely Player vs Enemy, it requires support from your teammates.

The Raids are hard, and the costs of quitting midway is high. You lose your progress if you don't stick with your team. If a teammate quits, it's impossible to take the raid to completion, due to its sheer difficulty. Not only does it involve combat skill and some figuring out small puzzles, but it also requires a lot of coordination between the teammates. You'll leave the game with a hatred for "Iyo", but with a sense of deep fulfillment for your random teammates from the ends of the world. Only in Raids, have I ever found the journey to the Platinum trophy worth it, and not just checking the box of "another trophy".

CITY READ

Doctors' Day celebrations

Bangalore North Ladies Circle 14 and Bangalore North Round Table 25 conducted a felicitation project at Navachethanna Hospital in Yelahanka, Bangalore. As many as 175 staff members were felicitated with boxes of sweets and personalised thank you cards. Drawings made by kids from ages 3 to 13 were also presented to the hospital, to display in their wards.

Hospital conducts blood donation drive

Keeping in mind the requirement of blood reserves for emergency situations and various conditions, many doctors from Columbia Asia Referral Hospital Yeshwanthpur (a unit of Manipal Hospitals) came forward to donate their blood. They participated in the blood donation drive organised by the hospital on the occasion of National Doctors' Day. Other hospital employees participated in the drive too. A total of 107 units of blood were collected during this drive.

PLAY ON
Arjun Sukumaran
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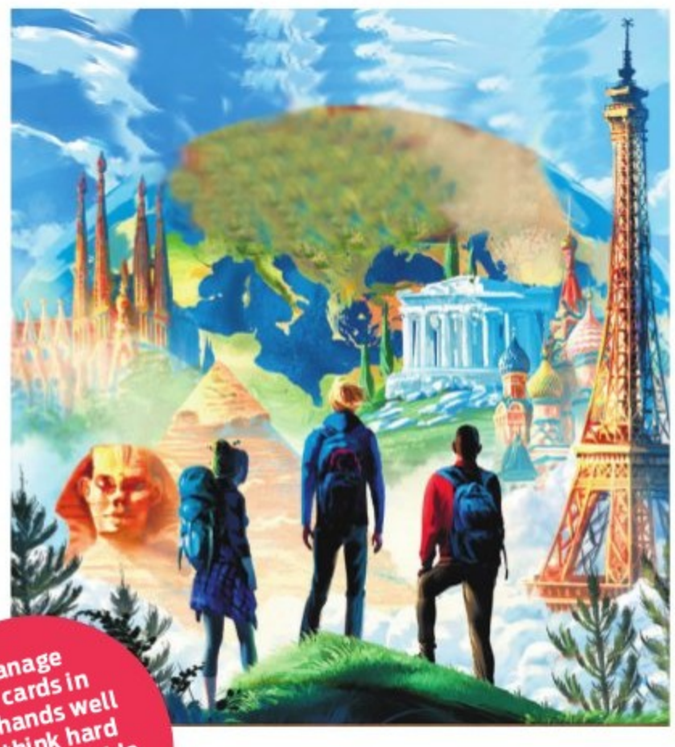
(Arjun is a gamer, book lover and an all-round renaissance man)

Up for a trek?



Manage the cards in your hands well and think hard before you decide where to go in Trekking the World

TREKKING the World is, as the name suggests, a game about travelling the world and seeing its wonders for 2-5 people. You'll race to visit historic destinations while collecting souvenirs along the way, all in a quest to have the most points.

It's a straightforward premise, but Trekking the World brings it to life with its aesthetic. Drenched in cheerful colour and featuring gorgeously illustrated cards, it sets the tone from the moment you lay it out on the table. The little artistic details and flourishes are lovely, and it's definitely the sort of game that would make people stop and ask what it's about.

Good looks are all well and good, but thankfully Trekking the World has a solid gameplay foundation as well. You'll have to manage the cards in your hand carefully in order to get where you need to go, and there's certainly more to think about than you'll initially expect. Destinations are public objectives that everyone can see, meaning it's very likely that you'll be gunning for the same things as other players and inevitably getting in each other's way.

This isn't a cutthroat game by any means, but there's enough competition here to provoke calls for a rematch once final scoring is done. Although nobody can ignore the destinations entirely, you can try focusing on souvenir-hunting instead because there are lots of points on offer there. Apart from that, replayability is enhanced by the Journey cards — two of these are chosen at random for every game, and provide you with a couple of new opportunities or ways to break the core rules of the game. We've seen this particular method of adding variability recently with Holi and, just like that game, it works extremely well here.

There's not too much more that can be said, really. Trekking the World is a very good game — it's accessible, around the same complexity as Ticket to Ride, and pretty and it's fun to play. However, I think it particularly strikes a chord given the current situation. Halfway through a second year of upheaval and new normals, it can sometimes be strange to think about things that we might've taken for granted once. Hugging a friend, for example, or eating out, or just being able to travel and see somewhere new. A little escapism can go a really long way right now, and that's what playing Trekking the World felt like to me — a portal to another world where we could all be planning trips to faraway lands to visit places we've always dreamt of going.

WHAT'S NEW?

TRAILS

If you'd like your escapism to be a little closer to nature, you might want to take a look at Trails. A sort of sibling to the excellent Parks, Trails features the same beautiful artwork of the Fifty-Nine Parks series, slimmed-down gameplay and a shorter overall duration which ought to make it more accessible.

LUCKY NUMBERS

The introduction to Lucky Numbers describes it as being 'at the crossroads of Sudoku and bingo', and that's pretty accurate. This game's been around for a while now, but its online implementation has been keeping me busy of late. Games are ridiculously quick and somehow still satisfying enough that you'll rarely play just one.

GLOOMHOLDIN'

Condensing one of the biggest board game boxes into a game with just 18 cards sounds like madness, but that's what Gloomholdin' purports to have done to Gloomhaven. Cephalofair Games deserves a shout-out for letting this design be shared publicly and making the original artwork available for use as well.

PRAJWAL DEVARAJ BACK IN COP AVATAR FOR MAFIA

A SHARADHAA

Prajwal Devaraj's upcoming film with *Ambi Ning Vayasaaytho* director Gurudath Ganiga has been titled, *Mafia*. The first look of the film was also revealed by the makers to mark the occasion of Prajwal's birthday on Sunday. Billed to be an action thriller, the first look of the film was launched on social media by actors Shivarajkumar, Vijay Sethupathi and Arya.

The film, bankrolled by B Kumar under his Bangalore Kumar films banner, will have Prajwal donning the khaki yet again after *Inspector Vikram*. The first look features a bruised and handcuffed Prajwal. Talking about his second film, Gurudatha Ganige says, "*Mafia* is about an enthusiastic police officer, who wants to do good to the society, but is caught up in the system." The film, also starring Aditi Prabhudeva and Prajwal's father and veteran actor Devaraj, is expected to go on floors in the third week of July, and the rest of the casting is currently in process. With dialogues by Maasti and cinematography by Abhimanyu Sadanandan, the music of Mafia will be composed by Anoop Seelin.

> The first look and title of Gurudatha Ganiga's next directorial was launched on Sunday on the occasion of Prajwal's birthday

Meanwhile, Prajwal is currently awaiting the release of Lucky Shankar's *Arjun Gowda* and director Ram Narayan's *Abhara*. He will soon be resuming the shoot for the Khadar Kumar directorial *Veeram*, which stars Rachita Ram opposite him, and is backed by Shashidhar Studios. The teaser of this film too was released on his birthday.

A still from the film

Varada motion poster to be unveiled on July 8

Actor Vinod Prabhakar and director Uday Prakash team up for a commercial entertainer

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The motion poster of *Varada*, Vinod Prabhakar's next film with director Uday Prakash, will be released on Thursday, July 8. Uday Prakash, known for directing films like *Kalla Malla Sulla, DK, Auto Raja,* and *Yogi,* is gearing up for the release of this commercial entertainer, and will be Vinod's next after *Roberrt* "*Varada* explores a story on a father-son rivalry, and why they have a strained relationship despite living together, says Uday, who has taken up the production responsibilities for the film. "The entire shooting was canned in sixty days in locations of Bengaluru, Mysuru, Udupi, and Kundapura. However, we are taking time to hit theatres because of the Covid-19 pandemic," he says.

Varada has music scored by Pradeep Varma, and Anand in charge of the cinematography. The film stars Amitha Ranganath as the female lead, along with senior actor Charan Raj essaying a pivotal role in the film.

Vinod Prabhakar

Saroj Khan

T-Series to produce biopic on legendary choreographer Saroj Khan

CE FEATURES

T-Series has acquired the rights to a biopic on legendary choreographer Saroj Khan, who passed away last year.

Saroj Khan was born Nirmala Kishanchand Sadhu Singh Nagpal. She entered films when she was three to become a dancer at 10 and soon became an assistant choreographer at the age of 12.

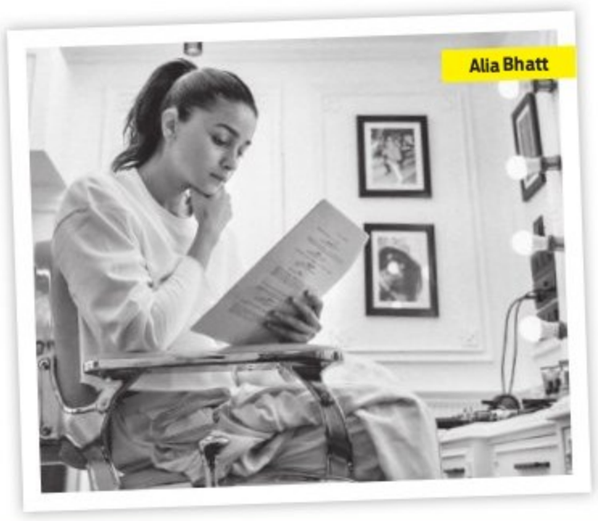
As Bollywood's first female choreographer, Saroj Khan was among the few women technicians in the industry in her time. She choreographed around 3500 songs in her career, delivering several dance hits like *Ek Do Teen, Choli Ke Peechey Kya Hai, Hawa Hawai, Dhak Dhak Karne Laga* to songs in films like *Devdas, Lamhe, Nagina, Kalank, Chandni, Saawariya, Taal, Beta, Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam* and others. The 3-time National Award-winner was known for her collaboration with Madhuri Dixit and Sridevi, as well as many newcomers.

Producer Bhushan Kumar acquired the rights to Saroj Khan's life story from her children Raju Khan, Sukaina Khan and daughters of Hina Khan.

Bhushan says, "Sarojji not only mesmerized the audiences with actors performing her dance moves, but she also revolutionized the choreography scene in Hindi cinema. Her dance forms told stories which helped every filmmaker... I remember visiting film sets with my father and seeing her bring life to the songs with her choreography. Her dedication towards the art was commendable. I am glad Sukaina & Raju agreed to let us make this biopic of her mother."

Raju Khan, who is a choreographer himself, says, "My mother loved dancing and we all saw how she dedicated her life towards that."

Alia Bhatt, Vijay Varma start filming for *Darlings*


Alia Bhatt

CE FEATURES

Alia Bhatt's debut production *Darlings* has gone on floors. Set in Mumbai, the film unfolds in a conservative lower-middle-class neighbourhood, tracing the lives of two women who live there. Besides Alia, the film also stars Shefali Shah, Vijay Varma and Roshan Mathew.

Darlings is directed by Jasmeet K Reen and written by her and Parveez Sheikh. The film is co-produced by Shah Rukh Khan's Red Chillies Entertainment with Alia's Eternal Sunshine Productions.

"Day one of *DARLINGS*! my first film as a producer but I will always be an actor first and forever (in this case a very nervous actor)," wrote Alia, reflecting on her state of mind before each shoot.

Co-star Vijay Verma shared he's excited to be back on set. Posting a picture with the film's clapper board, Vijay wrote, "So happy and excited to be back on a set again! Anddddd for a film that I have been sooo stoked about for the longest time. #*Darlings* in production now. Wish me luck coz I'll need it to match the roaring talents of my fellow artists on this one."

Rachel Brosnahan wraps up shooting of *The Marvelous Mrs Maisel season 4*

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Rachel Brosnahan took to social media to announce the completion of filming the fourth season of her acclaimed Amazon Prime Video series, *The Marvelous Mrs Maisel.*

"And that's a wrap on T*he Marvelous Mrs Maisel season 4.* I am so in awe of this crew who had each other's backs and kept each other safe during this strange and challenging time in the world outside our bubble," the actor wrote alongside a behind-the-scenes photo from the set.

"We've been working away over here (New York) since January and can't wait to share the season with you," Rachel added. *The Marvelous Mrs Maisel* also stars Tony Shalhoub, Marin Hinkle, Michael Zegen, Kevin Pollak and Caroline Aaron. Milo Ventimiglia, Kelly Bishop, Jackie Hoffman and Allison Guinn round out the cast for the new season. The third season of the multiple award-winning show was released in December 2019.

Sanjana Anand

Lockdown has taken a toll on my career graph: Sanjana Anand

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Time and patience have become the key factors in Sanjana Anand's career. The actor, who has completed the shoot for a few films, is eagerly waiting to see her upcoming films hitting theatres. On the other hand, she is longing to begin shooting for her pending project *Addhuri Lover.*

Sanjana, who came to the limelight with her debut *Chemistry of Kariyappa*, is keen to prove her mettle, but she says that the delay of film releases due to Covid-19 has slowed her career graph.

"Post *Chemistry of Kariyappa*, I got busy with a handful of films like *Salaga, Shokiwala, Window Seat,* a yet-to-be-titled project with director Shashank. I also did a web series titled *Honeymoon*. However, till now, only the web series has been released. The rest of the projects are delayed due to the pandemic," she says.

Sanjana Anand of *Chemistry of Kariyappa* fame is all set to make her debut in Telugu. In a chat with *CE*, she opens about her other projects

Sanjana signed up for *Addhuri Lover*, directed by AP Arjun, back in 2019. "But the film got delayed either due to the pandemic or other reasons," says Sanjana, adding, "I planned to complete *Addhuri Lover* before taking up my next film, which I don't think will be the case now. I want to make up for the time I have lost, and I'm now open to juggling between various films," Sanjana has been listening to many scripts and in the process of finalising a couple of them. The actor says that there has been a good response to her role in the debut web series, which has brought her offers from the Telugu industry as well. "Lockdown did not allow me to travel much, and I have been listening to scripts from the Telugu industry over the phone. As the restrictions are eased, I would be soon visiting Hyderabad and would want to take the discussions forward, and finalise on my Tollywood debut," she signs off.

Aamir Khan and Kiran Rao

AAMIR KHAN AND KIRAN RAO ANNOUNCE SEPARATION

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Aamir Khan and Kiran Rao have announced their separation after 15 years of marriage. In an official statement, the couple said that they are getting divorced but will continue to be co-parents. They will also keep collaborating on films and other ventures together. Aamir and Kiran got married in 2005 and have a son named Azad. Aamir and Kiran had met on the sets of *Lagaan* (2001), where Kiran was an assistant director. They were married a few years later. In 2011, the couple welcomed their son, Azad, via surrogacy. Aamir had also acted in Kiran's debut film as director, *Dhobi Ghat* (2010).

Aamir was previously married to producer Reena Dutta. They have two children, Junaid and Ira. Aamir and Reena had split up in 2002.

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"In these 15 beautiful years together we have shared a lifetime of experiences, joy and laughter, and our relationship has only grown in trust, respect and love. Now we would like to begin a new chapter in our lives - no longer as husband and wife, but as co-parents and family for each other. We began a planned separation some time ago, and now feel comfortable to formalise this arrangement, of living separately yet sharing our lives the way an extended family does. We remain devoted parents to our son Azad, who we will nurture and raise together. We will also continue to work as collaborators on films, Paani Foundation, and other projects that we feel passionate about. A big thank you to our families and friends for their constant support and understanding about this evolution in our relationship, and without whom we would not have been so secure in taking this leap. We request our well-wishers for good wishes and blessings, and hope that - like us - you will see this divorce not as an end, but as the start of a new journey.

Thanks and love, Kiran and Aamir."